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MINUTES.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 17, 1918.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society was called to order by Mrs. C. C. Kyle, First Vice President, the presiding officer for the evening.

The Convention sang, All Earth to Him (Psalm 22) after which Mrs. Kyle read Scripture lessons from Mark and Revelation presenting The Great Commission. The singing of Christ Shall Have Dominion (Psalm 72) was followed by prayer by Miss Anna A. Milligan.

A beautiful rendition of Spicker's Fear Not, O Israel, was given by the quartet.

After singing Great His Love (Psalm 103), the Convention listened to greetings by Mrs. O. H. Milligan, Chairman of the Local Committee, and from Dr. Thomas Park, pastor of the Fourth Church. These greetings referred to the strength of the Women's work in this vicinity, and the ideals represented by this Convention. Mrs. C. C. Kyle responded for the delegates, voicing their appreciation of the splendid preparation that had been made for the Convention, and of the hospitality of the people.

The quartet sang, Show Thy Loving Kindness, by Federlein.

Mrs. E. C. Wellman, President of the Convention was then introduced, and delivered the annual address under the caption Moblizing for World Service. Mrs. Wellman introduced her address by laying the responsibility of the present world tragedy upon those who have failed to recognize their duty, get a vision, or work out the mission of Christianity. She discussed the relation of the individual Christian soldier to mobilization, and urged upon each one the necessity of obedience to our King, of consecrated effort in prayer, giving and working. She closed her address with a telling reference to the Service Flag for the Christian soldier, based upon Daniel 12:3, and the presentation of a Service Flag bearing stars for our

own Soldiers of the Cross—our missionaries.

After singing The Brightness of Thy Face (Psalm 67), the Local Committee made necessary announcements, and Dr. Thomas Park pronounced the benediction.

Upon invitation from the ladies of the Presbytery, the Convention spent an hour in social intercourse in the church parlors, where an opportunity was given of meeting the officers of the Convention and members of the Board, and delegates.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1918.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Morning worship was led by Mrs. R. W. Burnside, Second Vice President. After singing, My Petition Heed, (Psalm 86), Mrs. Burnside read the prayer of Jesus from John 17, without comment, offered prayer, and concluded the service by singing Whom I Have Believed, (Psalm 16).

The report of the Program Committee was presented, and accepted without change.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Credential Committee presented a partial report showing a voting body present of 333. Owing to the fact that many of these names appear in more than one relation to the Convention, the total registration is 419. This report was accepted, and the Secretary called the roll of the voting body.

The President announced a partial list of committees, to be completed at the following meeting.

Mrs. R. W. Burnside was appointed Time-keeper.

The report of the Secretary of the Women's Board, Mrs. J. Howard Maxwell, showed that the routine work of the Board has been kept up with little interruption. Special mention was made of the "going Home" of Mrs. Samuel Yourd, President of the Board. She was called away on February 11, 1918. On motion this report was accepted.

The Statistical Report was read by Mrs. D. J. Brown.

There are 106 congregations in America without missionary societies. Delegates are urged to reduce this number during the coming year. Presbyterial Secretaries are asked to secure reports from every society. 135 are not reported this year. It is thought that at least a part of the decreases which appear, are due to the carelessness of Secretaries in not sending in their report, rather than to indifference to the work on the part of the members of the societies. The importance of owning and using the Statistical Report was emphasized.

This report was adopted.

After the reading of the auditor's statement, Mrs. J. B. Hill, General Treasurer, read her report.

The total actual receipts for the year show an increase of $11,076 over last year. The total sum received amounts to $228,245.06 and has been distributed to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Indian Missions, Freedmen's Missions, Parsonage Department, and Ministerial Relief.

All obligations have been met, and every department shows a substantial balance. Mrs. Hill's report was adopted with enthusiasm and a rising vote of appreciation was given her.

The Convention joined in singing Better Than Silver and Gold (Psalm 119), after which the first of the Quiet Hour periods was held. Miss Mary J.

Campbell (India) had charge of the Quiet Hour, and chose for her theme The Christian Warrior. At this time she presented "The Warfare of the Spirit-filled Life." Silent prayer was followed by audible prayer by Mrs. Geo. Moore, and Miss Lulu Henderson.

Miss Campbell read from Ephesians 5 and 6, emphasizing the fact that Paul turned from a picture of the home life to the need of warfare. The preparation for successful warfare is found in the Spirit-filled life.

Miss Ida B. Little gave her report as Secretary of Finance, after the auditor's statement had been given. She stated that forty-four Presbyterials have contributed to the Contingent Fund. This is a gain of six over last year. Five loans have been reduced; new grants have been made amounting to $5,600; four congregations have neither paid interest nor reduced principal during the year.

This report was adopted.

The report of the Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, contained the following salient points:

Only five Presbyterials in the home-land failed to make increase during the past year; fifty-four women's societies have doubled their offerings of last year; other societies have trebled; four have given four times as much, and one five times as much as last year. The Young Women and the Juniors have made commendable increase also. While Egypt was carrying its war burdens of 1917, its thirty-four missionary societies gave larger gifts than any one of forty-six Presbyterials gave in the home-land.

The Thank-Offering of the past year surpassed all former Thank-Offerings.

This admirable report was adopted with a rising vote of thanks for Mrs. Porter.

Question Conference No. 1, called out many points of interest and profit on the foregoing reports. Each Department Head answered the questions bearing upon her department.

A Literary Presentation was given by a group of "Little Women" in costume. Each one presented an item or a publication of value to the missionary society.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. R. G. Smith, of Tama, Iowa.

Saturday afternoon was given to recreation. In included inspection of the activities of the Women's Association—The Orphans' Home, The Home for the Aged, and Columbia Hospital. Perfect hospitality characterized the reception of the delegates at each of these institutions.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1918.

The Thank-Offering service, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter presiding, was held at the First United Presbyterian church. The program was opened by an organ prelude, after which the Thank-Offering Bearers marched down the aisles singing The Victories of Jesus (Psalm 98).

The Thank-Offering service printed in the program was given as follows:

The Call to Worship (Psalm 95) was sung by the Convention, after which Mrs. Wellman offered the invocation.

The responsive Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Porter, the congregation, and the Thank-Offering Bearers in turn. The theme of the evening's service was Christ for the World—The World for Christ.

The announcement of the Thank-Offering of $92,000 was followed by a Thanksgiving prayer by the congregation, and the consecration prayer by Lillian M. Robertson.

Miss Mary J. Campbell, in costume, described a Thank-Offering service in India. Mrs. H. L. Finley gave a group of Thank-Offering stories from her experience in Egypt.

Mrs. J. B. Hill told the Story of the Figures by using a chart which showed the Thank-Offerings for the past thirty years, since the inception of the plan by Mrs. Eliza Clokey in 1888. The total for these years is $1,198,800.13; during these thirty years, Egypt has offered $11,905.78; India, $2,433.99. These latter sums have been applied to work in their respective countries. Mrs. Hill paid a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Clokey, and expressed the appreciation of all for the loyal prosecution of the Thank-Offering on the part of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.

A Song of Thanksgiving (Psalm 68) was followed by a Pageant, The World for Christ. The Young Women appeared as Heralds, two of them bearing trumpets. The Juniors, in pink and white, carried pink baskets of flowers, and pink Thank-Offering boxes; the Light-Bearers, in pink and white, carried lighted candles; Christianity, robed in white, stood by an electric cross, and received each group as it approached singing. Christians from the mission fields joined the company, and finally heathen women in costume came and were led to the light by the singing of the Gospel story, "The Light of the World is Jesus."

The entire congregation joined in singing The Triumphs of the Gospel.

A distinct innovation was the lifting of the Silver Dollar Thank-Offering as a celebration of this 30th Anniversary. Trays and baskets were pressed into service by the Heralds who received the offering from the congregation.

The offering amounted to $2200.

The doxology was sung, (The 100th Psalm), and the committees announced.

Dr. J. Alvin Orr, pastor of the First Church, Pittsburgh, N. S., offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Mrs. A. L. Yarnelle, Monmouth.
Susanna McGeoch, Argyle.
Miss Jennie Groves, Philadelphia.

RESOLUTIONS:
Mrs. Fred Sebring, Cleveland.
Mrs. J. A. Monteith, Garnett.
Mrs. John A. Berger, Boston.

MEMORIALS:
Mrs. J. G. McCrory, Hudson.
Miss Alice Purdy, Frankfort.
Miss Margaret Evans, Steubenville.

NOMINATIONS:
Mrs. J. P. Nesbit, Illinois Southern.
Miss Margaret Walker, Mercer.
Mrs. E. L. Walker, Texas.

TELLERS:
Miss Carrie Anderson, Kiskiminetas.
Mrs. S. Aiken, College Springs.
Mrs. H. M. Brittain, New Jersey.
Mrs. W. T. Anderson, India.

PLACE:
Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Le Claire.
Mrs. L. M. Williams, Kansas City.
Mrs. Annie S. Lambie, Monongahela.

SABBATH AFTERNOON.

The members of the Convention and their friends gathered in the Fourth Church auditorium at three o'clock to engage in a two-fold service: Memorial and Communion. The service was under the direction of Dr. Thomas Park. Appropriate Psalms were sung in the opening part of the hour, and prayer was offered by the venerable Dr. J. W. Witherspoon.

Mrs. J. C. Alter conducted the Memorial Service for our beloved dead, and asked Mrs. J. D. Sands to pay tribute to Mrs. Samuel Yourd; Mrs. W. T. Anderson to Mrs. T. E. Holliday (India) and Miss Margaret Bell to Rev. W. R. Coventry (Egypt). Mrs. Alter then added to this roll the name of Miss Hester Young of our Freedmen's Mission at Norfolk. She made a touching reference to our boys at the front, and concluded the service by reading some lines to comfort those whose sons have fallen.

Dr. Park gave the Sacramental address, and administered the Lord's Supper. Dr. W. R. Wilson of the Pittsburgh Seminary addressed the communicants, after which he offerd the prayer of Thanksgiving. The Twenty-third Psalm was sung, and Dr. Witherspoon pronounced the benediction.

SABBATH EVENING.

With Mrs. H. C. Campbell in the chair, the annual program devoted to Foreign Missions was carried out.

The missionaries marched in with the Union Jack and the Crescent in the hands of the standard bearers.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. H. L. Finley and Mrs. E. L. Porter. The theme was, "We are ambassadors for Christ" and "The love of Christ constraineth us."

A contralto solo, Trust Ye in the Lord (Scott) was sung, after which talks were made as follows:

Dr. Maria White: What it costs to be a Christian in India.

Miss Margaret Bell: What it costs to be a Christian in Egypt.

Dr. J. P. Simpson: Medical work in India.

Miss Eleanor Machonachie: Dispensaries in India.

Miss Roma Beatty: My first term in India.

Miss Sadie Thompson: What the girls of Egypt need.

Miss Lois Buchanan: What the girls of India need.

Miss Carrie Buchanan: My heart's desire for Egypt.

These talks consisted of personal observations and experiences in the mission fields. Miss Carrie Buchanan asked that the Convention join her in the repeating the sentence "My heart's desire for Egypt is, that she may be saved."

Mrs. Campbell told the Convention that the traveling expenses of our twenty out-going missionaries this Fall would be $800 each. An offering was lifted to apply on the $16,000 thus needed.

The quartet sang God so loved the world, from John 3:16.

Mrs. Campbell then offered prayer for these missionaries, and for "victories in the lives of all followers of King Jesus."

Three new missionaries were then introduced to the Convention.

These go out to their respective fields this Fall. Each one as she was presented, gave her reason for becoming a foreign missionary. These reasons were based upon the definite command of God to "Go into all the world" and upon a desire to obey Him.

Miss Dora Mason goes to Egypt.

Miss Kathryn McKenzie goes to the Sudan.

Miss Helen Dorothy Anderson goes to India.

Mrs. W. T. Anderson, the mother of Miss Helen Dorothy, was presented to the Convention, and stated that her reason for encouraging her daughter to go to the foreign field is because she considers this the best investment of a life.

It is significant that Miss Anderson is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Anderson, missionaries, and was born in India and knows the great task she has volunteered to undertake.—Editor.

The Doxology (Psalm 100) was sung and the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Thomas Park.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1918.

Morning worship was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Reed from Manhattan, Kansas.

The opening song was In Reverence Wait (Psalm 4). Prayer by the leader was followed by singing In Full Assurance (Psalm 69).

The Bible lesson was read from James, and attention was called to the frequent use of the word "ask." The letters in "ask" are initial letters of the words, ask, seek, knock. The service closed after singing From God to Victory (Psalm 18).

Routine business was next in order.

The minutes of the Saturday session and of the Sabbath meetings were read and approved.

The report of Mrs. W. S. Cook, Home Secretary, was read, and on motion adopted. This report showed that many encouraging features have characterized the year in this department. None are more encouraging than the work at Frenchburg. This field has added physical equipment. The enrollment (287) has been the highest in the history of the school. The Sabbath school has put in training classes. The church membership shows a net increase of 60%.

Mrs. Cook reports that in most of the city work, there appears a scarcity of workers. Although there have been many discouragements, the tone of the report was blessedly optimistic.

Mrs Ada Kerr Wilson presented the report of the Freedmen Secretary. It was adopted by motion.

Points of interest in this report were these:

The severe winter affected the attendance in our schools, as the Negro race is not accustomed to snow and freezing weather.

The call to the Colors has taken away many of our young men, who would ordinarily be in our schools. The nurses from our schools are more satisfactory than the white nurses at Miller's Ferry, Ala.

Christian training is moulding students for definite service in religious lines, while work in sewing, cooking, gardening and like practical lines, is bearing fruit in the home and community life.

Mrs. Wilson asks if any other field can report 100% of its students Christian.

The doors were closed for the observance of the Quiet Hour.

The topic for this hour was the Warrior's Power. Prayers were offered by Mrs. H. L. Finley and Miss Anna A. Milligan. After singing, None Like Thee (Psalm 86) the leader discussed her theme, reading the admonitions to the churches and to the Old Testament heroes. These were summarized in these words: "Be strong; be a powerful soldier, or a soldier of power." Power can be given only to the humble, and to those who are willing to surrender self wholly to God.

Prayers by missionaries, Home and Foreign, were offered that power may be sought and given to our women. The hour closed by singing, Whom I Have Believed (Psalm 16).

The Indian Secretary, Mrs. John S.

Crawford, read her report. It was received with applause and adopted.

One of the interesting features of this report was the testimony of one of the Christian Indians at the Warm Springs Mission in Oregon. It revealed an experimental knowledge of Christ as a Savior.

The Indians have responded loyally to the call to arms; they have contributed more than four million dollars to the Liberty Loan.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Foreign Secretary, read a valuable report.

The gratifying word was given that the work on the foreign field has gone forward in spite of the terrible world war.

Tanta Hospital must remain closed until conditions allow the shipping of equipment from this country.

Ten new missionaries have enlisted for immediate service.

Miss Mary J. Campbell, although engaging in work for the World's Christian Temperance Union, for a limited time, her name will be retained on our list of missionaries.

Miss Campbell's field of labor will be in India.

During the reading of the Foreign Secretary's report, Mrs. Campbell mentioned the fact that an urgent appeal had been received asking for $250 with which to rent a house for Miss Minnehaha Finney, who is in charge of the evangelistic work for women in Egypt. It is well-known that the unmarried missionaries in Egypt have been assigned to the homes of the married ladies. Here, of necessity, they have but one room, and cannot receive Bible women or native visitors without encroaching upon the parlor of the missionary's wife.

With great regret, the Board was compelled to refuse the appropriation asked for by Miss Finney, because of lack of funds. Just as this statement had been made by Mrs. Campbell, a note was handed her to the effect that the Magazine Committee would pledge the sum of $250 for one year, in order that Miss Finney might have the room and conveniences necessary to the furtherance of her evangelistic work. This announcement was received with great joy by the Convention.

At this moment, Mrs. Geo. Moore, of the Magazine, asked permission to report that the Silver Dollar Thank-Offering, instead of amounting to $2000, had reached $2200.

The meeting adjourned to resume work at 1:30.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 20, 1918.

Mrs. R. W. Burnside, presiding.

The devotional service was in charge of Mrs. Mary Porter Kyle, of Monmouth Presbyterial.

The leader took for her central thought, "A good soldier entangleth not himself with the things of this world."

Three messages were based upon this text:

1. A Message of Service: The call today is to go "over the top."

2. A Message of Separation: No soldier can fight victoriously and cling to the things of this world.

3. The Message of a Supreme Motive: To please God.

After prayer by Kate Hill, the leader gave a word uttered by Edith Peake, our well-known evangelist. It is epitomized in these words: "Thy glory, O God, alone." Mrs. W. R. Wilson led in the closing prayer.

Miss Kate Hill addressed the Convention, taking as her subject, The Women's Battalion, 80,000 strong. This number

of women in our churches is available for missionary society membership, the speaker said, while less than half are actually members at the present time.

Some of the thoughts from Miss Hill's address are these:

Women do not belong to the Missionary Society, because "they do not know." "Make the world safe for Democracy," has been the cry of missions always. The atrocities in Europe today have been perpetrated in heathendom for ages. The mothers of India and the mothers of America are very close today. Their sons are fighting on the same battle grounds.

When the soldiers of the incomparable Lord Kitchener made excuses to him for not accomplishing what he had told them to do, he said to them: "Your excuses are the best I have ever heard; now, go and do what I told you to do." Thus God speaks to his church: "Your excuses for not carrying the Gospel to the whole world are the best I have ever heard; now, go, and do what I told you to do."

Miss Ida B. Little, Secretary of Young Women's Work, read her report.

Thirty-six new societies have been organized.

The Young Women's Special Fund, which supports two youg women missionaries in India, two in Egypt, and two in America, showed an increase over last year of $450.

Ten Presbyteries are without organized Young Women's Work.

The study of Mission text-books was urged upon our young women.

The report of Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Junior Secretary, was read.

It showed a net increase of thirteen new societies, and an increase of $1087.47 in the Thank-Offering.

Sixteen societies have disbanded for lack of leaders.

No Presbytery won the banner for meeting all six points required for efficiency.

Twenty-four societies are on the Honor Roll, having contributed over $100.00.

One Presbytery in Egypt has reported two societies, with 250 members.

The Quiet Hour had for its topic, "The Warrior's Armour." Mrs. W. T. Anderson and Mrs. J. B. Hill opened the hour with prayer. The Convention stood and sang, A Glorious Banner (Psalm 60).

In presenting this theme the leader referred to the necessity of wearing the girdle of Truth. Many verses were repeated by members of the Convention that were tested girdles.

A second necessity of the warrior is the breastplate, better translated as a coat of mail, protecting both chest and back.

The feet of the Christian warror must be shod with Peace.

The Shield of Faith does not save from sorrow, but comes between us and the enemy.

The Helmet of Salvation completes the armour.

The leader closed the hour with prayer.

The Literature Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Milligan, presented her report.

This department has felt the stress of the times, and only necessary printing has been done.

There has been an increased sale of study texts, both to Seniors and Juniors.

Attention is urged to the yearly Prayer Cycle, as its use cultivates intelligent prayer for missions.

Miss Hazel Flagg, Treasurer of the Women's Magazine, made her report, showing no indebtedness whatever, and no unpaid bills. Also an increased subscription list most gratifying.

The auditor's statement accompanied this report and was read.

The Magazine Committee, through Mrs. Moore, presented the Convention with lead pencils, note books, and literature. The last to be taken home and applied to increasing the subscription list for the Magazine.

On motion, Mrs. Moore was asked to take all the time necessary to present the interests of the Magazine.

After an enthusiastic discussion of the subject, of which the readers of the Magazine will hear later, Mrs. H. C. Campbell moved that Mrs. Moore and Mrs. E. C. Wellman constitute a committee to plan a "Magazine Drive." This Committee was given full power to act as conditions might dictate. The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

The Convention then united in singing, Whom I Have Believed (Psalm 16).

Miss Carrie M. Reed made a report on the Junior Magazine.

She called attention to the quality of material which fills the pages of the Junior Magazine, noting contributors by name.

A Magazine Party was suggested as a means of enlarging the subscription list.

Little stories, poems, or pictures suitable for the Juniors were asked for.

Question Conferences No. 2 and 3 were handled by the Secretaries of the Freedmen and Indians.

During the afternoon, the Convention enjoyed vocal solos by Mrs. C. B. Sheler, from Miller's Ferry. She sang a composition of one of her own race, and responded with request numbers as follows:

1. "It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."
2. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Miss Esden, for ten years connected with the Chase City Mission as teacher in Domestic Science, addressed the Convention on the subject of Food Conservation in the South. The speaker said that corn is the great substitute for wheat. Warm breads are used once and often twice each day, but are now being made with careful and loyal attention to the requirements of our Government.

The fact that the South has always been obliged to practice Food Conservation, indicates that the present state of affairs does not work any hardship upon the Southern people.

The session closed by uniting in the Lord's Prayer.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1918.

Mrs. John S. Crawford led the devotional service.

After singing, In Full Assurance (Psalm 69), Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson offered prayer.

The topic chosen for the hour was "Love," and Mrs. Crawford read Romans, 10th Chapter.

Rev. R. G. Smith sang the Ninety-first Psalm to an arrangement by George Stebbins. Mrs. Cook closed the service with prayer.

The Quartet bass sang, Out of the Deep have I called unto Thee (Christopher Marks).

The program of the evening being devoted to the work in the Home Mission Fields, Mrs. W. S. Cook, Mrs. John S. Crawford, and Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson jointly directed it.

Miss Sallie Dickey was introduced and addressed the Convention on Our City's Unreached. She spoke briefly on the foreign speaking peoples in our midst who do not speak English at all.

She discussed the poor housing conditions; the lack of home life which drives the youth into the dance hall and the saloon.

Remedial measures may be found in the Neighborhood House, if it be under Christian control. The American Bible Society is doing great work. The speaker thinks that the Church is doing less than it should, and in many cases has more the air of patronage than love for these people. She noted the fact that the Church had failed to reach the foreign people across the water, and that it appeared as if God had brought them within our gates that we might do Foreign Mission work at home.

The Rev. R. G. Smith, of Tama, Iowa, told the Convention about our "native Americans." He said that the American Indian has every opportunity for study, education, professional training, vocational preparation, but cannot become citizens, nor dispose of land without the consent of the Government. The influence of white tourists who visit the Mission in automobiles on Sabbath, the activities of boot-leggers and grafters have embittered the Tama Indian and made Christianization difficult.

Mrs. C. B. Sheler talked to the Convention on the Possibilities of the Black Belt. She believes that objection to the educated Negro is giving way to approval, because the educated Negro does better work than the uneducated.

The Mission Schools are doing much to remove race prejudice. The schools, while not meeting the industrial need fully, are satisfying much in the way of Christian training, and in a considerable degree are meeting the need for intelligent training.

The speaker expressed satisfaction in the effort of the Church to occupy the Black Belt, and urged that the highest standards be raised and adhered to.

"The First Fruits of Frenchburg" was the subject of an admirable address by Rev. Herbert Armitage, himself one of the first fruits of the College, and a graduate of the Class of 1918 from Pittsburgh Seminary.

He made a telling comparions between the times prior to the founding of the Frenchburg work, and the present. Educational opportunities were poor; young people were ambitious, but few facilities were open to them. Since our Church put in its schools, new ideals have been implanted in our young people; civic conditions have improved, and even road construction has received some attention.

The children go home to improve conditions there and to correct evils.

Mr. Armitage expressed his personal thanks to the women for what they have done by way of giving the Mountaineer youth their chance through the work at Frenchburg.

Rev. R. G. Smith pronounced the benediction, and the session adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1918.

Mrs. J. T. Meloy, Illinois Central, led in morning worship.

The Convention sang, Repeat the Message (Psalm 48) and Mrs. Meloy led in prayer.

The Scripture lesson was taken from 2nd Corinthians, 8:1-12.

The closing prayer was offered by Miss Carrie Buchanan.

The minutes of the meetings through

the evening meeting on Monday were read and approved.

On motion the reports of yesterday's sessions were approved.

The report of the Parsonage Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Sands, was next in order.

Owing to the high cost of building materials, fewer applications for loans have been received than since the beginning of the work. No request for a loan has been refused where the requirements have been met.

The Freedmen's Board has received help in two cases, for the first.

Contributions have been better than for a number of years.

The report of the United Presbyterian Woman's Association was read by Mrs. George Sands.

A plea was made for the Children's Home. It is desirable that a location and a modern building might be secured where the children could play on lawns instead of bricks. It would add greatly to the work if an acreage could be owned where the healthful and profitable interests in the way of gardening, caring for chickens, etc., could be engaged in.

The Home for the Aged is not without a vacancy unless death removes one of the dear ones. Services are held regularly by the ministers of the city at the Home.

The Columbia Hospital is crowded. Helpers are hard to get, and often our young women go to do tasks sometimes called menial.

Patients are never refused because of lack of money.

An earnest plea was made for the only United Presbyterian Hospital in America.

This report was adopted.

The Quiet Hour brought before the Convention the Warrior's Foes. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Anderson, of Iowa, and Miss Sallie Dickey.

The singing of Our Eternal Home followed (Psalm 90).

The leader referred to our "Invisible Antagonists," and made it clear that we do not understand Ephesians 6:12 as they do in India. The heathen temple with its base worship and base priests, can not be realized here. In America there seem many doubts concerning vital matters that are like invisible antagonists.

One of our invisible foes is the lack of love and kindness. To this is due, perhaps, the empty pews and a sort of hardness that hinders power from being exercised.

The service closed with prayer by Dr. Campbell, of Cooper College.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the chairman, Mrs. J. P. Nesbit, and named two persons for President, for First Vice President, for Second Vice President, Secretary, and five for the Women's Board.

The five names for the Board, were inadvertently assigned to the departments where they are now at work. On motion, the restriction was removed, and their assignment was left to the Board itself.

Mrs. W. H. Ewing, Chairman of the Credential Committee, made her final report as follows:

The Voting Body contains 490 names.

These names distributed among the various classes to which they belong shows the following facts:

Officers of Convention	5
Delegates	139
Missionaries (31)	
Home	9
Indian	1

Freedmen	4
Foreign—	
India	9
Egypt	5
Under appointment	3
Magazine Committee	2
Women's Association	1
Women's Board	15
Field Secretaries	2
Life Directors	3
Life Members	352
Junior Life Members	6
Total	556

This report was adopted.

The roll of voters, exclusive of Life Members, was called and 139 responded. The Life Members stood and were counted, numbering 130. This enumeration showed 269 voters present.

The election of officers was the next order of business.

Ballots were distributed by the Tellers, and the election conducted with dispatch.

Mrs. R. C. Morton, Temperance Secretary, made a report which contained testimonials from many Presbyterials as to the effectiveness of the work being done by this department. Special mention is made in these testimonies of Pledge Cards and Temperance year books.

This report was adopted.

Question Conference No. 4, followed. It dealt with the report of the Parsonage Department and the Temperance Department.

General Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hill, reported the 1917 Thank-Offering as approximating $100,700, plus, exclusive of the Dollar Shower, which has reached $2200.00

The session adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Alter.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21, 1918.

The Devotional service, in charge of Mrs. Bruce McCulloch, of Omaha, was opened by singing, Ye Gates, Lift Your Heads (Psalm 24).

Mrs. J. C. Alter offered prayer, after which the leader read the 27th Psalm. The Covention joined in singing the Brightness of Thy Face (Psalm 67). Miss Margaret Bell offered the closing prayer.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell presented the report of the Annuity Bond Secretary as follows:

The Annuity Department of the Women's Board is slowly gaining the attention of the Church.

During the year just closed twenty-five persons have entrusted us with sums varying from $3000 to $50 for the purchase of our Annuity Bonds.

Life Annuity Funds will be accepted and bonds issued in any amount from $50 to $50,000 and will bear interest from the first of the month following date of receipt of money, as long as annuitant lives. Interest will be paid promptly, semi-annually. Bonds will be issued in the name of the annuitant or any other name desired, thus enabling one to provide an income for a friend. The rate of interest will depend upon the age of the person named in the bond. Where two names are given, the age of the younger is used.

Class No. 1, where the annuitant is under 40 years of age, pays 4½ per cent. Class No. 2, where the annuitant is from forty to fifty years of age, pays 5 per cent. Class No. 3, where the annuitant is over fifty and under seventy-five years of age, pays 6 per cent. Class No. 4, where the annuitant is seventy-five years of age or over, pays 7 per cent.

The money invested in a Life Annuity Bond of the Women's Board of the United Presbyterian Church is protected by the corporate strength of the Board, making such bonds absolutely secure.

Among the reasons for urging the purchase of the aforesaid Bonds are, it is a safe investment without any risk or trouble to the investor, and at death, the principal of the bonds will be used for whatever department or departments of the work the annuitant may desire. All lawyer's fees, court charges, collateral inheritance taxes, and other expenses incident to the settlement of estates will be saved and the entire amount in full goes to the exact place designated by the donor of the money.

On motion the report of the Annuitant Secretary was adopted.

The reports of our two Field Secretaries were presented.

Mrs. J. C. Alter stated that she had found the stereopticon and other spectacular means, valuable aids in presenting her work. She emphasized the ten Efficiency Points as helpful in getting a tangible plan before the Societies for strengthening their work.

Four prime requisites were put before the women of the Convention to carry home to their societies:

1. Women. Young women must be more drawn into the work.

2. Money. A fair distribution must be made to the seven departments.

3. Education. Urge study, because it will beget interest.

4. Prayer. The fundamental need, and the greatest of these requisites.

Miss Kate Hill told the Convention of establishment of Tuesday prayer meetings in some of our centers, and her conviction that such prayer meetings should be arranged for wherever possible. If Tuesday could be made Prayer Day for our women, it will become a power for results. Thus far, the following centers have planned for these Tuesday prayer meetings: Pittsburgh meets weekly. Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and Monmouth meet monthly.

Miss Hill thinks that more attention should be given to the monthly program and to the increasing of the monthly offering to the missionary societies. "Let there be no ten-cent women."

The following Presbyterials are on the Honor Roll, having a missionary society in every congregation in the Presbytery: Argyle, Beaver Valley, Big Spring, Concordia, Cleveland, Hudson, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa Northwestern, LeClaire, Rock Island, Vermont, Wisconsin.

The reports of these Field Secretaries were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations, Mrs. A. L. Yarnelle, Chairman, was presented, and on motion was adopted as a whole. The recommendations follow:

1. Realizing the necessity for a largely increased subscription list to the Women's Missionary Magazine, both for the sake of the individual and also for the support of our Magazine, therefore we would recommend that we strive earnestly to reach the goal of 16,500 subscriptions this year, using the following plan:

100 congregations to take 50 magazines.
400 congregations to take 20 magazines.
200 congregations to take 10 magazines.
300 congregations to take 5 magazines.

2. Inasmuch as only 30,000 of the 80,000 women of our Church are enrolled as members of our Missionary Societies and realizing that interest and zeal can come only through knowledge,

therefore we would recommend that every delegate and Life Members present in this Convention be urged to faithful, persistent, personal work in her Presbytery and congregation to enlist each woman in the interest of missions.

3. That each member of our Missionary Societies secure a Prayer Cycle and thus be a unit in the use of same.

4. That the congregations where there is no Junior Missionary Society will do their best toward organizing such a society and that the members of the Senior Societies will not allow the Junior Societies to suffer from lack of leaders.

5. Appreciating the untiring efforts of our Thank-Offering Secretary and in that we do not wish our standard lowered, we urge the various organizations to keeep the subject prominent throughout the year, and we recommend that Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter use the fourth page of the cover of the Magazine at her discretion to make a special effort to secure in 1918 a $100,000 Thank-Offering. This is to be in addition to her splendid Thank-Offering Department in the Magazine.

6. Owing to the greatly increased cost of printing we would recommend that next year, Convention programs be furnished free to delegates only; the price of programs to all others to be five cents.

7. That the Presbyterial delegates urge the purchasing of the Statistical Report throughout the congregations.

8. The lowest price for the printing of the Statistical Report this year is $1.03¾ per copy. As this report sells for 15c. per copy, it is recommended that no free copies be given this year.

9. That an Efficiency Secretary be appointed in every congregational society, whose province it will be to keep the standard of efficiency before them—looking toward the 100%, or Honor Roll.

Respectfully,

Mrs. A. L. Yarnelle.
Mrs. Bessie McCune.
Mrs. Jennie Croes.

The Convention laid aside routine business for the final Quiet Hour. Miss Campbell took the subject, "The Warrior's Resources." Mrs. Alice McClure, of the Students' Volunteer Movement, offered prayer.

All Earth to Him (Psalm 22) was sung, after which Miss Campbell reviewed former lessons, and added this one, "Having done all, to stand."

The leader named the resources of the Warrior as these:

1. The use of the Sword of the Spirit.

2. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication * * * for all saints."

3. Praising God and singing songs of victory.

After the singing of His Fame Hath Spread Abroad (Psalm 21) Dr. Thomas Park closed the hour with prayer.

The Convention stood as an earnest of the help and inspiration that has come to us through the Quiet Hour periods.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas our heavenly Father in His protecting care has brought us to this 35th annual meeting,

Resolved: 1. That in view of the present crisis in world history, every delegate present urge upon her society and her congregation the extreme importance of answering with humble, prayerful hearts the President's call for a day of fasting, penitence, and prayer, on May 30.

Resolved, second, That we express our

gratitude to our heavenly Father, in that he has blest us so abundantly out of his store-house, and extend our thanks to Mrs. J. B. Hill, our Treasurer, and Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, our Thank-Offering Secretary, for their untiring efforts as His stewards.

Resolved, third, That inasmuch as the Standard of Efficiency adopted at our Philadelphia Convention has proved an effective means wherever used in bringing societies up to a high degree of excellence along every department of our W. G. M. S., we will as societies endeavor to qualify on these ten points before the close this fiscal year.

Resolved, fourth, That in view of the awful condition of the world at the present time and of the demands for food conservation in order to provided suitable sustenance for our armies, to which demands the loyal people of this land have gladly complied in view of the fact that millions of bushels of grain required to sustain our soldiers at the of alcholic drinks which destroy rather than upbuild our people, we most earnestly appeal to our President, Woodrow Wilson, and to our Congress to use their power and influence to put an immediate stop to the destruction of our food grains in the manufacture of this death dealing poison.

Resolved, fifth, That we as women of the W. G. M. S. remember daily our soldier boys at the Throne of Grace; that we give every support possible to Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, and any who in any way minister to their physical and spiritual needs.

Resolved, sixth, That a vote of thanks be extended to the President and Recording Secretary of this Convention.

Resolved, seventh, That we express our appreciation to Allegheny Presbyterial, the members of the Fourth U. P. Church, the Rev. Thomas Park, D. D., the Local Committee, to those who have furnished the music, to the ladies of the First Church for our dinner on Friday evening, and to any who have extended courtesies during this Convention.

Resolved, eighth, That we are especially thankful to our heavenly Father for His protecting care over our missionaries in their out-going and in-coming through dangerous zones of travel, that while death has come near to some, not a life of our workers has been sacrificed. We are thankful for the large number permitted to be with us and especially of the three young women who will go out for the first time.

MEMORIAL.

Our heavenly Father has taken some of our beloved efficient workers from the Board and various departments of our W. G. M. S.'s work since our last Convention.

To the families of these who have gone home, we extend our tenderest sympathy, and pray heaven's Comforter be near them in their sadness. By these calls we are reminded that we must also be ready and so may work while it is day that our service may be well rendered.

Mrs. Fred Sebring.
Mrs. J. A. Monteith.
Mrs. John A. Berger.

On motion the report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Tellers was received as follows, and adopted by a unanimous vote.

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Mrs. C. B. Sheler sang the following group of Southern songs: Old Folks at Home; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; I want to be a Christian in My Heart.

Miss Margaret Bell, of Egypt, gave a missionary talk based upon the Prayer Cycle, and bearing upon the work in Mansoura for boys and girls. She said the visits from Dr. C. R. Watson and Mr. George Innes had set in motion influences that resulted in better quarters and much needed equipment. These influences were directly traceable to prayer.

Personal experiences revealing the difficulties of the work, and its wonderful compensations were vividly described by the speaker, and the practical value of prayer demonstrated.

Dr. Maria White, India, told of the conditions which made it impossible to baptize some sincere, earnest believers. These are largely those of domestic conditions in which children and innocent members of the family must suffer if the re-adjustment required for baptism is carried out.

The speaker plead with the Convention to pray for India. An interesting statement was to the effect that in the capture of Jerusalem, the Hindu troops far out-numbered the British, and that it was in reality they who restored Jerusalem to Christendom.

The Committee on Place, through its Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Anderson, reported an invitation for 1919 from Cambridge, Ohio. This report was accepted with applause.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. W. H. Vincent, and as amended was adopted.

We, the United Presbyterian Women's General Missionary Society of North America, representing a membership of 30,000, in Convention met in Pittsburgh, Pa., wish to show you, the President of our country, our appreciation of your act setting apart Memorial Day, May 30th, to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer for our country, her soldiers, and for the success of our arms.

We gladly join with you in the recognition of the King of kings and Lord of lords, from who alone can come the victory and a lasting peace.

We further ask you as a war measure, and for the conservation of the lives of our men, women, and children that you abolish the liquor traffic in all our country and that all saloons be closed, that our boys may enter the service of God, humanity and country, without this danger to menace them in our homeland.

Miss Jennie Wallace offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Convention protest against the exploiting of the tobacco business by almost forcing cigarettes upon our soldiers to the detriment of their health.

The Minutes of the meetings for Monday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the President and Secretary were authorized to complete the Minutes of the concluding meeting with-

out reading, or further submitting to the Convention.

Adjournment until evening session.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1918.

Miss Lulu Henderson opened evening worship with prayer, and quoted two of the Master's saying:

"Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say."

"Tarry ye, until ye be endued with power from on High."

The leader emphasized the fact that obedience and the enduement of power mean transformed, effective lives.

The service closed by prayer by Rev. W. B. Anderson.

The Convention united in singing, Whom I Have Believed (Psalm 16) after which the quartet sang Psalm 103, set to Shelly's beautiful composition Hark, Hark, My Soul.

Rev. W. B. Anderson, the first speaker of the evening's program, took for his subject, "The 407,." This number refers to the missionaries necessary to cover our mission fields in order that India, Egypt, and The Sudan should have one woman and one man to every 50,000 of the population. 485 were needed, but we still lack 407.

This task should be undertaken by the United Presbyterian Church. God asks us for this. He commands definitely "Take My Gospel."

This task should be undertaken NOW for the world has no other hope. Civilization has failed. Only the Gospel can save from sin.

If we would save Church, America the World, we must engage in the task NOW. Atrocities that have been carried on for centuries must cease; sin re-acting upon human lives must be made to stop.

How can this be done?

1. By the gift of ourselves.
2. By pushing our boys and girls into the field.
3. By gifts of money.

The quartet rendered As White as Snow, from Isaiah 1:12.

The second address of the evening, and the final one of the Convention was delivered by Dr. J. H. McClurkin, whose subject was "Under Marching Orders."

Dr. McClurkin referred to the 68th Psalm with its martial spirit and victorious note as the Marseillaise for Christian womanhood.

The speaker showed that God has dealt with His children as they were able to advance. Their first teaching was like that of a Primary Department where their instruction depended largely upon their perceptive faculties. The next higher instruction was by the Holy Spirit, and required that His children proclaim the Word, Pray, and Praise.

The third form of instruction was that of Testings for Promotion Day. God's children must know "The hope of His calling," "The Riches of the glory of the inheritance in the saints," and "See the exceeding greatness of His power," when He reaised Him from the dead.

Dr. McClurkin closed his address by this brief analysis:

1. Walk worthy of your vocation.
2. Walk in love.
3. Walk as children of light.
4. Walk circumspectly, buying up the opportunity for Jesus.

Upon the request of the Convention, Mrs. C. B. Sheler sang again, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

The Consecration Service for Missionaries was directed by Mrs. H. C. Campbell. She introduced this service by a

brief review of the W. G. M. S. covering the time since its organization.

Our missionaries were seated on the platform, and represented every department of work for which the W. G. M. S. is responsible.

Mrs. Campbell called the roll of these missionaries, according to their fields, and the missionaries stood in response. They comprised the following:

City Missionaries, Italian, Croatian, Mountaineer, American Indian, Freedmen, Sudan, Egypt, India.

Verses from the Word were addressed to these missionaries for their instruction and encouragement. They assented to the pledge in these verses by raising the right hand.

A charge to the home forces was administered as follows: Read to know about the missionaries. Give and Pray. The Convention pledged itself to these requirements by standing.

All joined in singing All Earth to Him (Psalm 22).

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Thomas Park, and the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society was adjourned.

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Mrs. J. C. Kistler.
Mrs. Mary P. Kyle.
Mrs. J. Labelle.
Mrs. C. M. Lang.
Mrs. J. W. Lawrence.
Mrs. Walter Leitch.
Mrs. Robert Livingston.
Mrs. M. M. Libby.
Mrs. J. T. Logue.
Mrs. George A. Long.
Mrs. T. S. Loring.
Mrs. T. T. Lowman.
Mrs. W. W. Lytle.
Miss Sarah Lyle.
Miss Elizabeth Lyle.
Miss Isabelle K. Lockhart.
Mrs. S. S. Louden.
Miss Ida B. Little.
Mrs. H. M. Maginnis.
Miss Rachel Magill.
Mrs. Phoebe J. Magill.
Mrs. M. B. Maxwell.
Miss Caroline Martin.
Miss Lyda Mitchell.
Mrs. W. E. Minteer.
Mrs. O. H. Milligan.
Mrs. J. H. Miller.
Mrs. W. G. A. Miller.
Mrs. J. Martin Miller.
Mrs. T. J. Miller.
Mrs. Minnie Milligan.
Miss Anna A. Milligan.
Mrs. Margaret J. Mitchell.
Mrs. Minerva J. Morgan.
Mrs. Fannie Moore.
Mrs. W. D. Morrow.
Mrs. C. G. Morrow.
Mrs. G. R. Murray.
Mrs. J. W. Miller.
Mrs. Mary Montgomery.
Mrs. W. W. Miller.
Mrs. J. M. Monks.
Miss Martha Murdoch.
Mrs. Ralph Martin.
Mrs. J. S. Milholland.
Mrs. R. C. Morton.
Mrs. I. H. Milliken.
Mrs. Lilly Clokey Mason.
Mrs. J. C. Monteith.

Mrs. T. L. Magruder.
Mrs. E. C. McCowan.
Miss Eleanor W. Maconachie.
Mrs. George Moore.
Miss Elizabeth Milligan.
Mrs. J. H. Maxwell.
Mrs. J. T. Meloy.
Miss Kate Meghelson.
Miss Eudora Mason.
Miss Emma Mabon.
Mrs. D. T. McCalmont.
Mrs. Floyd McKee.
Mrs. R. S. McCague.
Mrs. W. J. McClintock.
Miss Elizabeth McClure.
Mrs. C. W. McCandless.
Miss Margaret McClure.
Mrs. I. G. McCreery.
Mrs. Daniel C. McCoy.
Mrs. J. G. McCrory.
Mrs. G. W. McDonald.
Mrs. M. J. McDonald.
Miss Lizzie McCormack.
Mrs. W. H. McFarland.
Miss Mary McKnight.
Mrs. R. J. McKnight.
Mrs. D. K. McKnight.
Mrs. D. T. McKeag.
Mrs. W. J. McKenzie.
Mrs. J. B. McHendree.
Miss Margaret McKim.
Mrs. D. W. McNaugher.
Mrs. John McNaugher.
Mrs. S. D. McIntyre.
Mrs. H. V. McVay.
Mrs. S. P. McBride.
Mrs. Irwin W. McLean.
Mrs. Elbert McCreery.
Mrs. J. T. McCrory.
Mrs. J. A. McPhilamy.
Mrs. Robert McElvany.
Mrs. John S. McKee.
Mrs. Margaret L. McClenahan.
Mrs. H. T. McLaughlin.
Mrs. W. L. McCullagh.
Mrs. Elnora McMunn.
Mrs. E. W. McKown.
Mrs. T. A. McNary.
Mrs. James M. Nevin.
Miss Minnette Noah.
Mrs. M. W. Neely.
Mrs. Thomas W. Noble.
Mrs. R. L. Noble.
Miss Elizabeth Patterson.
Miss Hannah Patterson.
Miss Caroline Patterson.
Miss Margaret Peebles.
Mrs. Jennie H. Pollock.
Mrs. E. S. Porter.
Mrs. B. F. Purviance.
Mrs. W. P. Price.
Mrs. Martha J. Purdy.
Mrs. T. R. Proctor.
Mrs. C. A. Pollock.
Mrs. W. H. Patterson.
Mrs. Thomas C. Pollock.
Mrs. Mary B. Phillip.
Miss Maria G. Patterson.
Mrs. E. L. Peterson.
Mrs. J. G. Patterson.
Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.
Mrs. David Powell.
Mrs. John Quinn.
Mrs. J. E. Quay.
Mrs. C. C. Ramsey.
Mrs. Joseph Reed.
Miss Jennie D. Ross.
Mrs. D. A. Russell.
Mrs. G. H. Radcliffe.
Mrs. D. T. Rodgers.
Miss Carrie M. Reed.
Miss Lillian Robertson.
Mrs. J. L. Sawtell.
Mrs. W. L. C. Samson.
Miss Viva Sanders.
Miss Caroline Scowden.
Mrs. Agnes Scott.
Mrs. W. A. Service.
Mrs. Fred Sebring.
Mrs. Craig Smith.

Mrs. J. H. Spencer.
Mrs. W. J. Stewart.
Mrs. D. M. Sloan.
Mrs. W. W. Sloan.
Mrs. M. F. Smith.
Mrs. M. J. Stevenson.
Mrs. Alex. Stewart.
Miss S. Agnes Stewart.
Mrs. J. E. Springer.
Mrs. Maria T. Swan.
Mrs. S. J. Swank.
Miss Jeannette Shane.
Mrs. Edw. Stotz.
Mrs. Margaret Sloan.
Mrs. Isabel B. Small.
Mrs A. C. Stewart.
Mrs. J. D. Sands.
Dr. J. P. Simpson.
Mrs. J. C. Smith.
Mrs. George Sands.
Mrs. Walter C. Sansom.
Miss J. Louise Thomas.
Mrs. S. L. Thompson.
Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble.
Mrs. A. H. Trimble.
Mrs. S. A. Taylor.
Miss Esther Thompson.
Miss C. C. Thompson.
Mrs. James Tannehill.
Mrs. A. A. Taylor.
Miss Sadie Thompson.
Mrs. T. B. Turnbull.
Mrs. W. H. Vincent.
Miss Jennie B. Wallace.
Miss Elizabeth Warden.
Miss Alice Warden.
Mrs. J. W. Watson.
Mrs. F. O. Wettach.
Mrs. W. P. Weigering.
Mrs. Joseph H. Walker.
Mrs. J. R. Wilson.
Mrs. W. J. Wilson.
Miss Florence B. Wilson.
Miss Elizabeth Wishart.
Mrs. W. I. Wishart.
Miss Emma M. White.
Mrs. W. J. Walker.
Mrs. John Wachob.
Mrs. Thomas Woods.
Dr. Maria White.
Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson.
Mrs. W. R. Wilson.
Mrs. E. C. Wellman.
Miss Ethel Young.
Mrs. H. T. Young.

REPORT OF

RECORDING SECRETARY.

THE MEMBERS of the Women's Board in bringing to the W. G. M. S. the report of the past year, come with a faith supreme. Though in the midst of sorrow and suffering, desolation and death in which the human race has been plunged, we know that sometime:

"Earth itself will swell with gladness,
Heaven be joy above,
For our God doth banish sadness
In His love."

We render praise and gratitude to God that He has upheld the work in every department, though at times the physical condition of workers in the field, and the increased cost of carrying on the work has been a very great strain.

On June 5th, the Board re-organized with the following officers

President: Mrs. Samuel Yourd.

1st Vice President: Mrs. J. D. Sands.

2nd Vice President: Mrs. Wm. S. Cook.

Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. H. Maxwell.

The Department Secretaries, also the committees for 1917 and 1918 will be found on the inside cover of the Women's Magazine.

The meetings during the year have been well attended with the exception of our President, who was detained on account of illness.

Twenty regular meetings and twelve called ones have been held. There have been one hundred and fifty-seven addresses made by Board members.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell and Mrs. J. B. Hill were appointed delegates to the General Assembly which met in Boston.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Porter served as delegates in attendance upon the General Conference held at New Wilmington, August 8th and 10th inclusive.

Mrs. Alter, Field Secretary, represented the Board at the Laymen's Missionary Convention of California.

Representatives of the Board attended the "World in Cleveland" held December 2nd and 8th, 1917, and Miss Milligan had in charge a display of literature.

At a Conference of Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the Federation of Missions held in New York, January 14th and 17th, the Board was represented by Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Alter.

Life Memberships were to be undesignated for other than Thank-Offering during the year.

On July 17th, the resignation of Mrs. J. T. Logue as Convention Secretary was presented and accepted with very deep regret.

At the meeting held September 18th, Miss Lillian Robertson, of Spokane, Wash., was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following names were appointed for the Council of Home Missions for 1918:

Mrs. Harry Bewkes, Patterson, N. J.
Mrs. W. M. Nickel, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. James P. Lytle, New York City.
Mrs. T. A. Stewart, New York City.
Mrs. Isaac McG. Knipe, Newark, N. J.
Mrs. Geo. Innis, Germantown, Pa.
Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, Beaver Falls, Pa.

November 20th, the Editorial Committee was appointed to prepare Life Member Certificates which were accepted by the Board. Miss Little was appointed to represent the Board on the committee of student work of the Federation of Missions. The request of the Chambers-

burg Conference asking the Board to name a foreign missionary for their program was granted. A committee to prepare Life Directorship Certificates was appointed at the meeting held February 19th, which were later presented to the Board and accepted.

On December 8, 1916, our much loved President, Mrs. Samuel Yourd, was stricken with paralysis. On February 11, 1918, after fourteen long weary months, in which her heart was continually crying out, "If I could only get to work" her work on earth was finished and she was called to serve in the heavenly mansions above.

This is one more link forged in the golden chain which binds us to heaven. How precious to the believer is the promise:

"In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also."

On February 19th, Mrs. J. D. Sands was elected President and Mrs. Mary C. Porter, 1st Vice President.

A new contract was let for "The Women's Missionary Magazine" for five years to the Smith Advertising Co., of Xenia, Ohio.

On April 16th, Mrs. W. R .Wilson was elected a member of the Board to fill the vacancy which occured by the death of Mrs. Yourd.

The terms of office of Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Mary C. Porter, Miss Ida B. Little, and Mrs. J. H. Maxwell expire with this meeting.

In sending out volunteers to the Home and Foreign fields, we too, are recruiting soldiers for God's army against sin in the world and our thoughts turn to the beautiful lines:

"In the beauty of the lillies,
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on."

As many mothers have been, and many more will be called upon to give up their sons for the cause of righteousness, to march to victory under the stars and stripes of our country, our hearts turn to the psalmist, and as we close this report of the 35th year of our work, we pray with him:

"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while trouble last,
And our eternal home."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. MAXWELL.

REPORT OF

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

TOO MANY statistics are simply figures with no special interest, but missionary statistics are different. They represent the interest the women of the church have in the work of the Master.

When we find a congregation with no missionary organization, we know, at once, that the women of that congregation are not alert for the salvation of the souls of their sisters, in the homeland and lands beyond the sea, who have not yet received the Word of Salvation.

It is with regret that we report a large number of such congregations. According to the minutes of the last General Assembly there are 982 congregations in America; the Statistical Report of the W. G. M. S. this year shows 876 Women's Societies, this leaves 106 congregations in America without Missionary Societies. However, we do not intend to allow this kind of a report to be made another year. If each delegate or Life Member in this Convention will go home, with the Convention Theme, "Under Marching Orders," this number (106) will be blotted out.

While time and money have been so largely devoted to Red Cross, Liberty Loan, Y. M. C. A. work and other objects pertaining to our country it is with great pleasure that your Statistical Secretary is able to make such an encouraging report. In many cases there are decreases which is due, not to lack of interest in the work, but to carelessness of secretaries in not sending their reports.

There are 135 societies from which no reports have been received; 21 Women's Societies, 49 Young Women's Societies, and 65 Juniors. Secretaries please see that this does not happen again.

The blanks show 98 new societies organized during the year with a membership of 3922 members.

There are twelve Presbyteries we would like to place on the honor roll; each having a missionary society in every congregation in the Presbytery.

Two hundred four (204) societies have reported on the Standard of Efficiency. Those having the highest average are in:

Allegheny Presbytery: Aspinwall W. M. S. 90%.

Arkansas Valley: Jetmore 90%. Sterling 90%.

Beaver Valley: Highland W. M. S. 90%. 1st New Castle W. M. S. 95%.

Brookville: Seven societies with 100%. Brookville, Du Bois, Dayton, Mahoning, Jefferson, Richmond, Plum Creek.

College Springs: Clarinda W. M. S. 95%.

Colorado: Ft. Morgan W. M. S. 100%.

Southern Illinois: Marissa W. M. S. 95%.

Kansas City: 1st Topeka W. M. S. 100%.

Los Angeles: Long Beach W. M. S. 95%.

Monongahela: 1st Pittsburgh Y. W. M. S. 90%. 2nd Wilkinsburg Y. W. M. S. 100%.

Muskingum: Kimbolton W. M. S. 90%.

First Ohio: 2nd Cincinnati W. M. S. 100%. Richmond W. M. S. 90%. Fair Haven Y. W. M. S. 100%.

Oregon: Church of Strangers Portland W. M. S. 90%.

Philadelphia: Fair Hill Y. W. M. S. 90%.

Rock Island: Little York W. M. S., 100%. North Henderson W. M. S., 100%. Little York Y. W. M. S., 95%.

Sidney: Huntsville W. M. S. 90%.

Spokane: First Spokane W. M. S. 100%. Second Spokane W. M. S. 100%.

Steubenville: Chester W. M. S. 90%. Salineville W. M. S. 90%. First Steubenville W. M. S. 90%.

Wheeling: Unity W. M. S. 90%.

Twenty-three (23) Presbyteries contributed $201.50 to the W. G. M. S. Fund.

The following is a resume of the statistics for the year ending March 31st, 1918:

Number Presbyteries	64
Number Presbyterial Societies	63
Number Presbyterial Societies Reporting	63
Number Women's Societies	876
Number Members of Women's Societies	22,590
Number Young Women's Societies	346
Number Members Young Women's Societies	7,740
Number Junior Societies	472
Number Members Junior Societies	11,875
Number Little Light Bearers' Societies	54
Number Members Little Light Bearers' Societies	906
Total Number Societies including Little Light Bearers	1,748
Total Number Members including Little Light Bearers	43.111

But one foreign report has been received; this is due, no doubt, to the uncertainty of the mails.

The report from Middle Egypt shows five (5) societies with membership of 356, the yearly offering amounting to $119.25 and the Thank-Offering $130.25.

The contributions reported on the blanks are as follows:

Foreign Missions	$14,508.00
Foreign Salaries	31,172.00
Home Missions	12,904.00
Indian Work	3,103.00
Freedmen's Missions	6,004.00
Church Extension and Parsonage	2,881.00
Ministerial Relief	1,630.00
Presbyterial Expense Fund	2,643.00
Temperance	1,388.00
Congregational work in mission churches	13,439.00
District Work	3,803.00
Women's Associated Work	2,574.00
Senior Thank-Offering	63,156.05
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	785.00

And now just a word in closing. These figures all appear in the Statistical Report, which the printer promises to be ready for sale by July 10th, and if you wish to keep in touch with the work of your society as well as that of other societies, just buy a Statistical Report. Once you have had one, you will never be without another. And if you see after the name of your society the words "No Report," will you not resolve that these words shall never appear again.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. J. BROWN,
Statistical Secy.

REPORT OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

IT IS a pleasure to be able to close the financial year with a fair balance, whether it be a personal account or that of a business concern. Especially does one rejoice when it is a Kingdom matter.

The Loans and Investment Department has granted four loans during the past year. The new grants amounted to $5,600.00. Five loans have been reduced, somewhat. From nine loans there have been interest returns. Four congregations have paid neither interest nor any on principal during the year. Sixth Chicago paid its loan in full, but the check was not received until the books

were closed, so appears uncancelled in this report.

The administration expenses have been met as formerly, viz., by interest on loans, bank balances, surplus funds, checking accounts and deposits, by presbyterial contributions, by gifts from friends. Such gifts totaled $359.00 aside from the yearly gift of $600.00 contributed towards the salary of a stenographer.

The number of Presbyterials contributing to the contingent fund was forty-four. Total amount of money, $270.68.

The names of Presbyterials, with amounts contributed, the accounts of the Contingent Fund and Loans and Investment Department follow in order.

Contingent Fund by Presbyterials.

Presbyterial	Amount
Chicago	$ 5.00
Oklahoma	11.00
Albany	5.00
Monongahela	25.00
Detroit	10.00
Westmoreland	5.00
Indiana	10.00
Chartiers	31.00
Cedar Rapids	5.00
Big Spring	2.00
College Springs	5.00
Spokane	5.00
Argyle	5.00
Cleveland	10.00
Oregon	7.00
Brookville	2.00
Lake	1.26
Hudson	10.00
Colorado	5.00
Brookville	1.00
Xenia	10.00
Philadelphia	5.00
Steubenville	5.00
Allegheny	10.00
Idaho	3.00
Garnett	.55
Vermont	.85
Delaware	5.00
Mansfield	5.00
Conemaugh	5.00
First Ohio	5.00
Kansas City	5.02
Los Angeles	5.00
Caledonia	5.00
Wheeling	5.00
Monmouth	5.00
Mercer	5.00
Sidney	1.00
Muskingum	5.00
Arkansas Valley	5.00
Texas	3.00
Beaver Valley	5.00
Boston	5.00
Kiskiminetas	2.00
Total	$270.68

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1917	$ 763.88
On Account of Loans	1181.00
Intesest on Loans	735.49
Interest on and Sale of Thank-Offering Supplies	2051.91
Interest on Investments	275.55
Interest on Bank Balances	104.76
Interest on Checking Accounts	174.67
Interest on Deposits and Surplus Funds	1027.75
Rent from Missionaries' House	500.00
Presbyterials	270.68
Contributed by Mrs. H. C. Campbell	112.00
A Friend	22.00
A Friend for use in Thank-Offering Department	200.00
Salary of Stenographer (A Friend)	600.00
Refund	75.85
Contributed by Mrs. E. M. Hill for Junior Banner	25.00
Item of Cents	3.98
	$8124.52

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

CONGREGATIONS	Balances May 1, 1917	Receipts Principal	Interest	Balances May 1, 1918
Benha Girls' School, Egypt	$ 100.00			$ 100.00
Brockton, Mass.	1425.00		71.26	1425.00
Chartiers, Pa.	2081.62	47.59	156.49	2034.03
Chicago, Third	1776.60	397.33	78.43	1102.67
Chicago, Fifth	1347.07		67.36	1347.07
†Chicago, Sixth	600.00		36.00	600.00
Chicago, Eighth	1013.58			1013.58
Gary, Indiana	3000.00			3000.00
Grinnell, Iowa	1690.00			1690.00
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	3400.00			3400.00
Palisades Ave., N. J.	700.00	149.36	31.77	550.64
Allegheny, Twelfth	2442.52		173.74	2442.52
Washtucna, Wash.	400.00		60.00	400.00
Rev. John G. Thompson, Los Angeles	874.22	186.72	30.44	687.50
*Rev. E. L. Porter, Wooster, O.	1000.00	400.00	30.00	600.00
xRev. D. W. McQuiston, Sterling, Kans.	1800.00			1800.00
xRev. W. P. McGarey, Sterling, Kans.	2000.00			2000.00
xRev. P. C. Banfield, Mulberry, Mo.	800.00			800.00
	$26450.61	$1181.00	$735.49	$24993.01

*New—Aug., 1917. xNew—1918. †Payment in full received after the books were closed.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Gen. Treas. on Account of Loans	$1181.00
Rent of Offices	858.00
Office Expenses and Clerk Hire	1721.41
Thank-Offering Supplies	664.66
Convention and Conference Expenses	1470.08
Printing Statistical Blanks, Postage, Etc.	762.24
Stationery	331.88
Treasurer's Bond	50.00
Rent of Saftey Boxes (2)	22.00
Telephone Rent	75.49
Junior Magazine	200.00
Taxes	9.18
Ice	14.71
Senior Life Member Certificates	75.00
Auditor	100.00
Attorney	60.00
Refunds	65.50
Record Books, Notary Fees, Filing Deeds	14.08
Printing Treasurer's Reports	10.00
	$7685.23
Balance May 1, 1918	$ 439.29

I have made a careful examination of the foregoing account of Miss Ida B. Little, Secretary, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1918, and hereby certify that the account is correct.

A. F. Sawhill, Auditor.
Ida B. Little,
Chairman Finance Com.

REPORT OF

LITERATURE SECRETARY.

THE LITERATURE Department is a most essential part of the women's work in that it touches every line of mission work, both at home and abroad, and is an important medium of communication between the needy fields and the home church. It also serves as a sort of clearing house between the local societies and the publishers of the Mission Study Text-books and supplies, making it convenient for study classes and societies to obtain the material necessary for the prosecution of prescribed study courses.

The year has marked a very substantial increase over last year in the distribution of study books and leaflets, which indicates an increased interest in the study of missions.

Only such printing as was absolutely necessary has been undertaken. Industrial conditions affected the printers as well as other lines of business and it was with great difficulty that printing work was accomplished. However, the supply of some of our standard leaflets becoming exhausted, those that seemed most vital to our work were reprinted, and the rest was held over until the balance in the treasury would justify us in proceeding with the work. We have in view several additions to our stock of literature bearing on the different departments of work, and the publication of some much needed helps for the carrying out of the missionary society programs. Whether the great advance in the cost of paper and ink and labor will permit us to go forward with this work remains to be seen.

In addition to the literature display at the Sterling Convention there was a display at the denominational missionary conferences at New Wilmington and Tarkio. Many of the presbyterial secretaries have ordered literature for the presbyterial meetings and encouraging sales have been reported. Our literature was also exhibited at the interdenominational Summer School of Missions at Chambersburg, Pa., and the Mount Hermon School of Missions in California. It had a very important place in the display of literature at "The World in Cleveland," and not only our own societies in that vicinity became better acquainted with it but it was favorably brought to the notice of other Mission Boards, many of whom are ordering it for their societies.

The sale of senior mission study text-books slightly exceeded that of last year and our supply became exhausted before the demand for them ceased. In former years it would not have been difficult to secure books to meet this demand, but prevailing railroad conditions caused such serious delay in the delivery of goods that we deemed it wise to discontinue the sale.

The sale of Junior books was more than double that of last year. We trust this is an index of an awakening interest among Juniors for mission study. "African Adventurers" and "Bearers of the Torch" both made attractive reading and were excellent books for furthering missionary interest among children.

The Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions have both been very fortunate in their selection of authors for the new Junior books. Mrs. Norma Waterbury Thomas, the author of "Jack and Janet in the Philippines,"

needs no introduction to Junior leaders. Her former book, "Around the World with Jack and Janet," fully demonstrated her ability as an author; and Juniors may look forward to a delightful winter in the Philippines with Jack and Janet.

The Junior home study book is written by Miss Margaret Applegarth, well known through her Leader's Supplements for the Junior books, which have been so full of fascinating ideas for the presentation of the lessons. It promises to be a study of absorbing interest in which both the children and leaders will take pleasure.

The Senior books, both foreign and home, follow the general subject selected by the *Committee of Twenty-eight, Christianity and the World's Workers.* The subject of the foreign text-book is "Women Workers of the Orient" and of the home text-book is "The Path of Labor."

The author of the foreign book has traveled extensively in the Orient and is eminently qualified to show, as she does in the pages of this book, "the relation of missions to the oppressed and weary women of the East."

"The Path of Labor" is a symposium of seven well known authors on the present day industrial conditions. It is presented "with the hope that it may serve to interpret women in their various forms of service to each other, and be another influence in making Christianity the keystone of the changing social order."

The issuance of a yearly Prayer Cycle has become an established fact. It is the purpose of this department, so far as is possible, to have this yearly book of prayer ready for distribution at the beginning of each calendar year. We were not able to do so this year because the mail from India was delayed so long, owing to war conditions, that we could not issue it before January.

We feel that the Prayer Cycle is our most important publication. Those who are using it will readily see the necessity of renewing it yearly. New conditions and new needs are constantly arising. Each year missionaries are removed by sickness or death or furlough. New missionaries are appointed and locations are changed. Those who were home on furlough are returning to the field and others are coming to the home-land.

The use of the Prayer Cycle should be urged. The wisdom and guidance which make the work for missions effectual are given only through prayer. We can render no service more helpful to the cause of missions than that which will foster the prayer spirit and develop the prayer life. Those who are striving, as our representatives, to give Christ to the world need now, as never before, not only the backing of our financial support, but the sustaining power of our definite, united, unremitting prayer. "Ye also helping together by prayer for us."

The statistical and financial statements for the year ending April 30th, 1918, are as follows:

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Contribution Envelopes Reprinted	10000
Leaflets Reprinted	8200
New Leaflets Printed	11375
Leaflets from other Boards	3449
Total	33024

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED.

SENIOR.

Mission Study Books	1361
Helps for Study Books	292
Master Builder	1
Women's & Young Women's Envelopes	9000
Prayer Cycles	3744
Pictures	399

Statistical Reports	156
Women's Missionary Magazine	15
Membership Cards	25
Maps	62
Costumes Loaned	84
W. G. M. S. Pins	13
Leaflets	11471

JUNIOR.

Mission Study Books	369
Helps for Study Books	125
Special Junior Books	198
Junior Manual	70
Junior Pageants	55
Junior Pins	209
Diplomas	98
Enrollment Cards	168
Wall Charts	5
L. L. B. Invitations	61
L. L. B. Boxes	84
L. L. B. Record Book	3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1918.

Bank Balance, April 15, 1917	$ 140.34
Cash and Stamps on hand	2.78
Receipts from Sales	1398.35
Interest	5.84
Refund	24.00
Total	$1571.31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mission Study Books and Helps	$ 367.88
Postage	115.50
Printing	248.50
Leaflets	55.39
Junior Pins	90.00
Refund Excess Remittances	12.56
Zinc Etching	6.00
Express	1.63
Convention Expense	4.65
Literature Suit Case	2.95
Telegrams	1.30
Journal	1.30
Account Book	2.65
Office Expenses	27.98
Total Disbursements	$ 938.29
Balance on hand, April 30, 1918	$ 633.02
Cash and Stamps on hand	2.84
Bank Balance	$ 630.18

Respectfully submitted,

R. ELIZABETH MILLIGAN,
Literature Secretary.

I have examined the accounts of Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Literature Secretary, for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1918, and take pleasure in certifying that they are correct, and that the above is a correct statement of results in her department for the year.

A. F. SAWHILL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

WE ARE in the world for the service we can render mankind. God never intended that we chose the easiest way, the path of least resistance. Such a one like the seed that falls into a secluded, weatherless spot and develops into a tree will sooner or later show up a decayed heart. Service keeps us strong through and through because it makes a thorough development.

It is said that the great Amazon river rises a bare one hundred miles from the western ocean. Instead of running that short path to the sea, it has chosen the longer, more arduous route of a three thousand mile stretch to the Atlantic ocean. Its beneficient influences in its chosen course are wonderful. It drains the slopes of the majestic Andes for two thousand miles. It accepts the tributaries that desire to join it. It gains in volume and speed as it goes until at its mouth, it is hundreds of miles wide and six hundred feet deep and remains

sweet water to a distance of five hundred miles out into the ocean's brine.

Each of us started at birth with, generally speaking, the same fighting chance. Some have preferred to use the short cut through life and have been and have received short cut blessings.

Others have chosen the longer, more difficult path, but one day mankind will rise up and call them blessed.

We wish to apply the lesson from the great Amazon particularly to the young women of our church. Many of those who are not willing to sacrifice even a little of themselves in the cause of missions, the Master's *real* work, may be properly placed in the class choosing the path of ease. Most of those allied to the cause belong to the service class.

Of course the first class has done *nothing*. What has the second class accomplished the past year? Not all that might have been done, but a creditable showing has been made. Thirty-six new societies have been organized, and nine hundred and twenty-two new members have been gathered. True, losses have occurred. Six societies were merged with their respective Women's Societies and eight or nine disbanded or disappeared from the roll.

All told there are now three hundred and forty-six societies with a membership of seven thousand and seven hundred and forty in America. No report was received from Egypt this year.

Only one hundred and eighty-eight societies reported themselves as supporters of the Young Women's Special Fund, yet the amount realized was the largest yet received, $4,055.00; nearly $450.00 of an increase over last year. There still seems to be a hazy idea as to what is meant by the phrase, "Young Women's Special Fund," how much is asked on an average from each society, and whether or not any obligation rests on Young Women's Societies to contribute. This fund is the salary provision for two especially designated young women missionaries in India, two in Egypt, and two in America, one being at Frenchburg and one in Freedmen's work. Two cents per week or $1.00 a year is asked of each young woman. It is work belonging exclusively to the Young Women's organizations, so should have their loyal support. May we set our goal at seven or eight workers next year instead of six.

Two hundred and sixty-six societies gave Thank-Offerings. In 1908, the first year the Young Women's offering was counted separate from the women's offering $3,185.93 were reported; this year, $15,845.51. $12,659.58 more than ten years ago. In this year's offering, twenty-nine Senior and three Junior Life Memberships are included.

There seems to be undue diffidence on the part of societies in telling just how well they have worked. Only forty-six gave any report on the Standard of Efficiency, two thousand, seven hundred, thirty-four points or an average of sixty percent for each organization concerned.

Forty-eight societies sent no report of anything. (One came about May 1, but the yearly report was closed. Four Presbyterials sent no report. They were Northern Indiana, Idaho, Texas and Xenia. A fifth, Big Spring, came in May, too late to be used. This particular secretary was much distressed over the situation, but societies did not respond to her appeals.

Twenty-two Presbyterials reported one or more new organizations, Philadelphia and Colorado leading with three each. Three Presbyterials through their

Young Women made a contribution to the W. G. M. Fund, viz., Kiskiminetas, Philadelphia and Muskingum.

Ten Presbyterials have no organized Y. W. work. Is yours one of these? Three of the ten have made a start, having elected a Young Women's Secretary.

Seven hundred and fifty-nine Missionary Magazines were reported as being taken by our Young Women. Doubtless the mothers, in many cases, are subscribers. It is urged that the pages devoted to the Young Women's Department may receive your special attention and that you give of your talent to fill these pages. At least forty-five young women were solicited for articles this past year. Of this number, twenty-three are marked "n. g." which means that the article was not received. Some gave good reasons. Others never even acknowledged having received a request. May there be improvement in this line.

Some have been so gracious in their response that the heart was gladdened. In two or three cases, volunteers have been found. May more come to light!

A list of questions was sent to each society this year, a printed list, attached to the blue blank. Fewer than two hundred were returned. Of this number twelve did not mutilate the paper with even a pencil scratch. Thirty had the name of societies written in, in some cases by the Y. W. Secretary; one hundred and fifty-two gave more or less information. Ninety societies reported unreached young women to the number of one thousand, three hundred, thirty-nine. If all the societies had reported their unreached what might the number have been!

And what shall we say of mission study? Forty-five societies reported having had one or more real classes. How many of our young women would presume to solicit from the County Superintendent of Schools or provisional or professional certificate or from the state committee a permanent, or from the government a civil service appointment or from a national bank or railroad corporation a position and would be willing to offer equal preparation to them that they constantly offer as co-laborers in the Kingdom?

At least two hundred and thirty-five societies have felt fully equipped to do anything required of them in the missionary organization without any special study. How much importance are they attaching to the efficiency of the society? "Lack of time" and a hundred and one excuses will flee like darkness before light if we are really anxious about the "dark two-thirds" of the world.

Our total receipts are encouraging, being $2,153.26 more than last year, or $33,655.01. $17,809.50 beside our Thank-Offering. Read the July Magazine to get figures in detail.

STATISTICS.

No. Presbyteries in America	64
No. having Y. W. Work	54
No. having Y. W. Secretaries	57
No. sending annual reports (one being late)	50
No. Y. W. Societies in America	346
No. Y. W. Societies in Egypt	3
Total No. societies	349
No. members in America	7740
No. members in Egypt	310
Total membership	8050
No. new societies	36
No. Presbyteries reporting new societies	22
No. new members	922
No. societies sending no reports	49
No. Presbyterials sending no reports	4

No. boxes donated	291
Estimated value of same	$2254.00
No. societies contributing to Y. W. Special	188
No. societies contributing to Thank-Offering	267
No. societies contributing to Presbyterial Fund	148
No. societies contributing to Isaiah 41:6 Fund	65
No. societies reporting on Standard of Efficiency	46
No. points reported	2734
No. Women's Missionary Magazines	759
No. Sr. Life Members	29
No. Jr. Life Members	3

CONTRIBUTIONS.

To—	
Foreign Missions	$2592.00
Foreign Salaries	5141.00
Home Missions	1977.00
Indian Work	339.00
Freedmen's Missions	690.00
Church Ex. and Parsonage	379.00
Ministrial Relief	168.00
Y. W. Special(Treas. Acct.)	4055.00
Junior Special	13.00
Presbyterial Expense	410.00
Congregational Expense (Home Mission Churches)	545.00
District Work	1032.00
Columbia Hospital	74.00
Orphans' Home	35.00
Age People's Home	43.00
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	140.00
W. G. M. S. Fund	10.50
	$17,809.50
1917 Thank-Offering	15,845.51
Grand Total	$33,655.01
Increase over last year's contributions	$ 2,153.26

And what of the morrow? It will be the result of our todays. Therefore—

1. Be intelligent mission workers.
2. Be a praying band that will pray the Kingdom in.
3. Be interested to the giving point in every department of the Women's General Missionary Society.
4. Be obedient to the tithing system as a basis and we can send out our share of the "407."
5. Be service Christians for we are "under marching orders."

"'Tis in battling toward the summit
Life achieves its best endeavor.
Is there hardship? Overcome it!
Drop the plummet, lift the lever,
Chain the sea and sun and planet;
Mine the gold and carve the granite.
Pierce with paths the wilds untrodden,
For the glory's in the gaining
And the guerdon's in the strife
And the joy in doing something
Is the robe and crown of life."

Respectfully submitted,

IDA B. LITTLE.

REPORT OF

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

WE ARE happy in the closing of the year's work to announce progress in the task of the Monthly Missionary Periodical. Four years ago we ventured into a wider field for the usefulness of the Missionary Magazine. A leap from a forty-page to a sixty-eight page monthly issue and from a *sixty-cent* to *One Dollar* price per year was of no small responsibility. Would the women appreciate the necessity for the enlargement and the corresponding cost? We trusted they would; it is proven they have.

The Magazine Committee rejoices in the assurance that from all over the

Church the large vision was justified and we have more paid subscriptions and a larger free and exchange distribution and a correspondingly better made Magazine. We also have the joy of knowing that more women are reading and studying missions since we have given more and better material on missions.

Our Foreign Department is most interesting and instructive. The Special numbers on Egypt, India and the Sudan have brought much more and better information to the pages of the Magazine than was possible in the smaller edition.

We are happy also to know that we could do some mission work, through a small surplus, each year. The four years covering the period of the Enlarged Magazine has a good record not only in the large number of extra pages we have added as necessity demanded, but also that during these years we have given to the Treasurer of the Women's Board for special and needy calls the sum of $2700.00.

And now the time is at hand when we must do more thorough work to place the Magazine in many homes in the Church. The special effort will be a big "Magazine Drive," October 21-31, 1918. See the inslip in this issue with full instructions and with the devoted and enthusiastic support of the good women in every congregation we will succeed.

All our efforts and your efforts combined will make the next year the greatest year in the work of the Women's General Missionary Society. We are doing all for the sake of the cause which has for its command, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations" and for its authority, "Lo I am with you even unto the end of the world." There is no other commander that can give such assurance and so wide-spread authority. There are no kings or potentates that promise so much in return for our service. The inspiration, the devotion, the service all combine to make us loyal and willing.

The Women's Missionary Magazine will carry the message to you of the continued success of next year's work in every mission field. Our own and world wide missionary effort inspire the task with new hope and new energies. Your own interest will mean much to aid in all our undertaking to make next year the best year.

We thank you for all you have done.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. GEORGE MOORE,
Editor.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

1917-1918.

RECEIPTS:

On hand March 31st, 1917	$ 1978.37
Rec'd from Magazine Subscriptions	9166.12
Received from Advertising	20.00
Received from interest on bonds through Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treas. W. G. Missionary Society	240.00
Total Receipts	$11404.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

Auditing books	$ 5.25
Expense Account	525.16
Printing and Mailing Magazine	7419.34
Delegate Fund and Contingent	302.60
Safe for Sudan	200.00
For Girls' Dormitory, Miller's Ferry, Alabama	500.00
Missionary Studies	220.00
Cuts and Engravings	487.04
Balance on Hand	1745.10
	$11404.49

RESOURCES:

March 31st, 1918, Balance on hand	$1745.10
Accumulated funds in the hands of Finance Committee W. G. M. S. at 6 per cent.	4000.00
	$5745.10

LIABILITIES:

No indebtedness whatever owing or unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL L. FLAGG,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have carefully and minutely examined the books and vouchers appertaining to the management of the Women's Missionary Magazine Committee, for the year ending March 31st, 1918, and find books neatly and carefully kept, and correct in every particular.

JOHN H. MCVAY,
Accountant.

April 30th, 1918.

REPORT OF

JUNIOR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

AT THE close of the message of Jesus to each of the seven churches of Asia He says: "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." We hear when we listen to the preaching of God's Word and obey it, and when we listen to the still small voice. In many other ways the Spirit speaks to men, and we believe He speaks to the Juniors through the Junior Missionary Magazine, and that the incidents there related, will lead many to follow Jesus heroically and in a self-sacrificing manner. The lists of contributions, the names of Life Members and the photos of the bright boys and girls, all inspire others to give their money and their prayers for the objects brought to their attention by the Magazine. Notice the splendid work of the Juniors for their Junior Special—the Bible Women of India—more than was asked for!

Through Mrs. Heslip's Lesson Notes the Spirit speaks to the Juniors; and any Junior who studies and obeys her suggestions, will develop a well-rounded Christian character.

He also speaks through Miss Yost's mission studies and we feel sure that in studying them, many have been brought into greater sympathy with the little black people of the Dark Continent. Were not your hearts touched when you read of Assam and Mejo going out during their vacation, to teach a little school? And when Assam had to go home and leave little Mejo to teach their school alone, how your hearts must have ached for him. And when, on account of the envy of Bekalli, he was forced to leave the comfortable home that had been prepared for him, and go, all alone, to one that was damp, dark and musty; didn't you wish you might take him in and make him comfortable? For was he not just a little boy sacrificing for Jesus' sake?

The Spirit several times repeated a little verse that is in the May number, to a friend who needed a word of cheer. Did you notice it? Perhaps it may be His word to you also:

"Something happy's on the way,
And God sends love to you."

In one of Mrs. Henderson's poems is another message from Him: the summons had come to one to leave this world

and its activities and although she had made many plans for future usefulness, she bowed submissively to God's will, and trusted Him, saying:

"No merit! no merit! and yet I stand;
For I rest in the hollow of God's own hand."

We believe our Juniors need to hear "what the Spirit saith" to them and hope the older people will spare no pains to place a copy of the Magazine in every home, particularly where there are children.

Often the leaders write apologizing for delay in sending in subscriptions, saying, "It is so hard to get the children to remember to bring their money." To help any such, we have prepared invitations to a "Magazine Party" which are sent free for postage, 3 cents per dozen. See advertisement in the October, 1917, magazine. Those invited to the "Party" are to place in the folded-over corner, 25 cents for single copies or 15 cents for one of a club of ten or more sent to one address. The societies that have tried the plan are quite enthusiastic about it.

The increased price rendered necessary by the high cost of publication, has cut into some of the clubs, but on the whole there was very little opposition to it and the subscription list remains about the same as last year. We hope our friends will do their very best this year and send in enough new subscriptions to make our list 10,000 by April, 1918.

Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson, late Business Manager of the Magazine, planned to raise a fund of $1000 to be invested and the interest used for the purchase of cuts for printing pictures in the Magazine. We received a special gifts this year of $50 from Mrs. P. L. Craig, of New Castle, Pa., a relative of Mrs. Stevenson's, making the amount now in the hands of the treasurer, $530.00.

If all societies act upon Mrs. Milliken's suggestion and "send in their dollars early this year," the amount will be completed, and we can begin to reap the benefit of Mrs. Stevenson's loving thought for the Juniors.

Each one of the many Life Members' photos represents $10.00 for the Thank-Offering. In some cases the children have earned the money themselves. One little boy on his death bed expressed the wish to become a Life Member. Friends sent in the $10.00 and his photo. It came in late, but everybody hurried it on, and little James Kiser had the pleasure of seeing his Life Membership acknowledged and his picture in the Magazine, before Jesus called him home.

The best way to have your contributions acknowledged in the Magazine, is to send a card or note to the editor, stating the amounts given.

Send all orders for Junior supplies, except the Invitation Cards, to Miss Milligan, as the editor does not have a stock of these on hand. It saves time and trouble to send to her directly.

We are grateful to all who have assisted us in the past year—the printer and his employees, our exchanges, the Women's Missionary Magazine, the missionaries, Mrs. Heslip, Miss Yost and many others. We hope all who have a little story, poem or picture suitable for the Magazine, will send it to the editor; and we also hope that if it does not appear at once, our friends will not feel offended. If might happen that you would send something that could not be used at all: in that case be very patient with the editor, remembering you are doing it for Jesus' sake, and He will know your motive and reward the effort. Original poems and stories, true ones if possible, are particularly desired.

Our financial report is as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, April 16, 1917	$ 152.06
Magazine Reserve Fund	5.00
Financial Secretary	200.00
General Treasurer	325.00
Refund from P. O.	2.00
Subscriptions	791.44
Total Receipts	$1475.50

EXPENDITURES.

Magazine Reserve Fund	$ 5.00
Superior Engraving Co.	23.81
Robert Rawsthorne Eng. Co.	154.46
J. C. Park, printing Invitation Cards..	18.45
J. C. Park, printing and postage for Magazines (eleven months)	1108.10
Extra postage	6.58
Total Expenditures	$1316.40
Balance on hand, April 16, 1918	159.10
	$1475.50

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. REED,

Editor and Business Mgr.

406 S. Evaline St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Auditor's Statement:

I have examined the foregoing account of Miss Carrie M. Reed, Business Manager, for the fiscal year closing as above stated; and take pleasure in certifying that everything in connection therewith is correct and true.

A. F. SAWHILL,

April 19, 1918. Auditor.

REPORT OF

TEMPERANCE SECRETARY.

THE PAST year has certainly been the busiest, most interesting and most encouraging we have ever had in the temperance work, and withal, the most stirring and fruitful; notwithstanding the fact that 17 Presbyterial Secretaries failed to send in reports.

In no other year has the writer received so many interesting, wide-awake letters from local secretaries; so many requests for letters of instruction, for literature, etc., and so many commendations of same; showing that societies are interested and working.

Four hundred and sixty-one letters and postal cards have been written, carefully designed to stimulate searching inquiry into the real facts concerning the liquor traffic: its guilt in the sight of God: its degenerating and murderous effect upon mankind, and the awful hindrance it is to the spread of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—the very work for which the W. G. M. S. and church at large stand.

Are the Presbyterial Secretaries entirely to blame for meagre or no reports? We think not. One says, "Not one society has reported." Another, "It has been impossible to get reports this year. It's knit, knit, knit for the soldiers." (Surely these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the others undone). A correspondent from Auburn, N. Y., writes, "Many thanks for literature, information and kindly spirit. It seems too bad that cities the size of this should be just coming into the right to take a stand on this question. We had a rousing meeting at the church, 500 present, five speeches by able men, one a Catholic priest. You see we are in earnest and

hoping for the best which is sure to come."

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The few women who read carefully the Women's Missionary Magazine, and keep it for reference, especially the July issue, and also use the Statistical Report have by far the best reports. Many Secretaries write quite late in the year, asking who their Temperance Secretary is, clearly showing that that officer is not in close touch with her societies. The Statistical Report so full of interesting and needful information would be a great help right here.

A great hindrance to effective temperance work in our Presbyterials seems to be lack of funds for our Presbyterial Secretaries, and it is rather difficult to see how a Presbyterial Temperance Secretary can do really effective work without a great deal of correspondence. As soon as she is elected to office she ought to write to each local Temperance Secretary, and where a society is discovered without such an officer, write to the president urging the appointment of one; then keep on writing through the

year, directing the use of literature, urging the holding of temperance meetings, signing of pledge cards, etc. This entails more or less cost according to the size of the field, and where this cost is a burden it ought to be met by Presbyterials; an exact account being required, of course.

Indiana thus writes on this very point, "A fund should be provided for the postage required to carry on the correspondence necessary to accomplish the required work."

Almost all the reports refer to the amount of time and labor expended on war work, showing how loyally and unanimously every section of our country is responding to the "Call to the Colors."

To the question: "To what do you attribute the increased interest in temperance?" most interesting are the replies.

Allegheny, "General education in temperance, national agitation, war conditions, concern for the safety of the boys, conservation of food stuffs."

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Garnett is "indifferent," because "the people in Kansas have not been brought in contact with the saloon, and do not realize the need of temperance work." A correspondent from Kansas writes, "I attended the W. G. M. S. Convention in Chicago in 1912 and enjoyed it so much, and in that city saw saloons for the first time in my life."

Hudson, "1st, to the work of the W. T. C. U.; 2nd, we made the effort we should during the past year, and the faithful temperance work of the past is now bearing fruit."

Illinois Central, "To the fact that our boys are furnished tobacco and cigarettes and that intoxicating liquor, is easily accessible, that our nation is awake on the Prohibition movement of the world."

Indiana, "To the proper way of putting the temperance work before the people."

Kiskiminetas, "That we are in earnest, and the war is calling us as never before, to repent and come to God, and in what way can we come more effectually than by destroying the works of the devil?"

Lake, "Good results on dry parts of the country, faith in Christ, continual fighting against Satan by word and works."

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Garnett is "indifferent," because "the people in Kansas have not been brought in contact with the saloon, and do not realize the need of temperance work." A correspondent from Kansas writes, "I attended the W. G. M. S. Convention in Chicago in 1912 and enjoyed it so much, and in that city saw saloons for the first time in my life."

Hudson, "1st, to the work of the W. T. C. U.; 2nd, we made the effort we should during the past year, and the faithful temperance work of the past is now bearing fruit."

Illinois Central, "To the fact that our boys are furnished tobacco and cigarettes and that intoxicating liquor, is easily accessible, that our nation is awake on the Prohibition movement of the world."

Indiana, "To the proper way of putting the temperance work before the people."

Kiskiminetas, "That we are in earnest, and the war is calling us as never before, to repent and come to God, and in what way can we come more effectually than by destroying the works of the devil?"

Lake, "Good results on dry parts of the country, faith in Christ, continual fighting against Satan by word and works."

Los Angeles, "With each and every opportunity this secretary has announced belief in the solemn truth, that the smash of the liquor traffic must precede the smash of Kaiserism. For example, at the opening of the Civil War, President Lincoln stated that as he saw it, his duty was to save the Union with or without slavery. Under this policy

the South succeeded only too well, the failures of the Northern armies culminating in the battle of Bull Run, after that disaster President Lincoln went on his knees before God and pledged himself that 'if God would grant success to our arms, slavery should go.' We all know the result in spite of mistakes and mishaps."

Mansfield, "To agitation on the subject."

Monmouth, "Partly to the war and partly to the awakening of the people to the awfulness of the crime."

Monongahela, "Sermons by pastors, National Prohibition Amendment, war conditions and position taken by Big Business."

Muskingum, "Because we take the Magazine and want to help."

Ohio, "War conditions, the great need of saving souls and food, also interest in National Prohibition."

San Francisco, "The awful conditions made known by literature and the observation of the evil."

Westmoreland, "To the condition of the times."

Wheeling, "It does seem deplorable that the U. P. Church as a whole is not more in earnest againt this monster evil, which we believe, with its attendant evils, is the cause of the war."

Wisconsin, "Every one trying to do her 'bit' in temperance as well as in other work."

Xenia, "Perhaps we are too much interested in war and neglecting one of the ways of ending war, viz., Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord."

Very wholesome and encouraging are the informal reports received from mission stations and schools, home and foreign. In a letter dated March 28th, Miss Laura Cleland, Sargodha, India, regrets that the pledge cards reported to her as sent early in January, had not yet been received; we have therefore no pledge signing report from India, but good and effective work is being done there as in Egypt.

Pledges signed to date by Presbyterials are as follows: Allegheny, 754; Albany, 13; Argyle, 218; Arkansas Valley, 144; Beaver Valley, 125; Big Springs, 52; Boston, 151; Brookville, 25; Butler, 357; Caledonia, 182; Cedar Rapids, 231; Chartiers, 372; Chicago, 91; Cleveland, 161; College Springs, 258; Colorado, 93; Concordia, 38; Conemaugh, 82; Delaware, 42; Des Moines, 0; Detroit, 38; Frankfort, 0; Garnett, 0; Hudson, 37; Idaho, 34; Illinois Central, 14; Illinois Southern, 212; Indiana, 42; Iowa Northwest, 0; Kansas City, 60; Keokuk, 91; Kiskiminetas, 103; Lake, 364; Le Claire, 0; Los Angeles, 177; Mansfield, 34; Mercer, 46; Monmouth, 483; Monongahela, 902; Muskingum, 497; New Jersey, 0; Ohio, 146; Oklahoma, 12; Omaha, 0; Oregon, 2; Pawnee, 53; Philadelphia, 205; Pittsburg, Kans., 0; Puget Sound, 0; Rock Island, 66; San Francisco, 2; Sidney, 21; Spokane, 15; Steubenville, 71; Tennessee, 91 (not including mission stations); Texas, 23; Uncompahgre, 0; Vermont, 0; Westmoreland, 248; Wheeling, 27; Wisconsin, 53; Xenia, 172; Egypt, 651; Frenchburg, 283; India, 16; Simnasho, 2; Warm Springs, 2; Miller's Ferry, 18; Townsville, 96; Henderson, 54; Prairie, 36; Athens, 17; other points, 76. Grand total, 8981. A gain of 2243 since last year, or over 37%. Our slogan still is, "The entire membership of the W. G. M. S. pledge signers."

Money reported this year:

Allegheny	$ 70.00
Arkansas Valley	14.00
Beaver Valley	14.00
Boston	7.00
Butler	28.00
Caledonia	8.00
Chartiers	60.00
Chicago	12.00
College Springs	2.00
Delaware	19.00
Garnett	2.00
Hudson	5.00
Idaho	1.00
Illinois Central	22.00
Illinois Southern	13.30
Indiana	2.00
Kiskiminetas	32.00
Lake	4.00
Los Angeles	22.00
Monmouth	29.00
Monongahela	59.00
Muskingum	10.00
Ohio	13.00
Rock Island	6.00
San Francisco	10.00
Spokane	3.00
Tennessee	6.00
Westmoreland	33.00
Wisconsin	15.00
Xenia	2.00
New Jersey	2.00
Grand Total	$525.30

The literature is highly commended by many workers in such expressions as the following: "Useful and excellent." "Fine." "Very fine." "Most societies well pleased." "Suitable for the needs." "Most excellent." "Could not be better." "Splendid." "Most telling." "Good." "We think well of it." Etc.

The Year Book is certainly growing in popularity, especially when used as a birthday temperance book. Every person's birthday is to be found in it and a good live item for same. Arkansas Valley says of it, "It was commented on by our pastors and borrowed for reference." Butler, "Never better, very comprehensive."

Cedar Rapids, "A treasure house of good things."

Chartiers, "Very helpful, fine, would not like to do without it."

San Francisco, "Very excellent, it should be in every home."

Spokane, "Like it very much, every time we read it seemingly find new thoughts."

Tennessee, "It is indeed worth while."

Westmoreland, "One secretary says, I have used the Year Book in every meeting this year."

Xenia, "I certainly think it is worth while to put out such a book as the 1918 Year Book."

Much more could be reported if space permitted.

The W. G. M. S. is just beginning to realize the importance of driving from this fair land the "accursed thing" which is ruining both souls and bodies, at home and abroad. What a terrible hindrance it is to the spread of the gospel!

While our United Presbyterian men and boys are fighting, bleeding, suffering, dying, for what they believe to be right, will the United Presbyterian Women, Young Women, and Juniors hesitate to show their patriotism by working to the limit for the abolition of the two greatest evils, we believe, that men have to contend with, viz., liquor and tobacco?

Only 8,981 of our membership of 47,232 has as yet signed our W. G. M. S. pledge cards.

1174 packages of literature have been sent out during the past twelve months, in addition to 1000 Year Books.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Credit balance April 15, 1917		$ 794.02
RECEIPTS:		
By Presbyterials	$1075.50	
By Calendars	9.30	
By Individuals, Etc	12.00	
		1096.80
		$1890.82

Disbursed for Literature, Calendars, Mailing, Etc.	752.42
Credit balance April 15th, 1918	$1138.40

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. C. MORTON.

REPORT OF

PARSONAGE SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

BUSINESS HAS been rather dull in the Parsonage Loans Department during the past year. The Great World War has had a most serious effect on every phase of world work and progress. Even this department of the Women's General Missionary Society has been touched by it to such an extent that probably fewer applications for loans have been received than in any year since the beginning of the work. Cost of materials and labor has soared so high that building of new parsonages has been out of the question with most congregations.

All requests for aid have been granted with exception of two, which did not meet requirements, and yet only four new loans were made. These were to Sebring, Ohio; Fourth, Akron, Ohio; Jetmore, Kansas, and Norfolk, Va.

The Parsonage Funds were originally intended only for Home Mission congregations, but a few years ago, the Foreign Board felt the need of building some houses for its missionaries and did not have the necessary funds available. Arrangements were then made whereby the Parsonage Department of the Women's General Missionary Society could enlarge the scope of its work and help in the foreign fields as it does in the home-land.

This year another advance step has been taken and we extended this same helping hand to the Freedmen's Board and made a loan of $3500 to build a house for the colored minister at Norfolk, Va. We have also promised $1000 for a parsonage at Arlington, Ala. This Board assumes responsibility for repayment of these loans in semi-annual installments.

If there has been little building of new parsonages there has been prosperity in many congregations, if the cancelling of indebtedness to us is any indication of success. Final payments were made on an unusually large number of loans: Hutchinson, Kans.; Chester, W. Va.; North Allegheny, Pa.; Roosevelt, Okla.; Arkansas City, Kans.; Winchester, Kans.; Dubois, Pa.; Woodruff Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Torrington, Wyo., and Forest Ave., Bellevue, Pa.

The last named congregation by special effort and in celebration of the tenth anniversary of its organization, paid off the entire loan more than two years in advance of the time specified when the loan was made, hence a discount was allowed.

In 1913, the congregation of Rock Valley, Iowa, was disorganized and its property sold. The proceeds of the sale of the parsonage, built entirely by the congregation, were given t othe Women's General Missionary Society. Seven hundred and eighty dollars were paid in cash and security given for an equal amount to be paid in five years. The interest was regularly paid and the mortgage has been lifted during the year.

The receipts for the year were: Presbyterials, $1783.50; missionary society and refund, $76.67; re-payments of loans and rent, $18850.51; Thank-Offering, $1000.00. A total of $21,710.68. Disbursements amounted to $15,680.02.

Contributions from Presbyterials have been better than for a number of years past, but not nearly all societies have given to this department. We would like to have at least a small part in the offerings of every auxiliary as our activities now reach into every branch of our denominational missionary work.

Since the books closed on April 15th, more loans have been asked for and promised than during all the previous year. One loan has been paid over and seven others granted, so the outlook for the new year is encouraging and we hope societies will bear this very necessary missionary agency in mind during the coming year.

The records show that one hundred and seventy-four congregations have received aid in building their parsonages since the beginning of the work in 1886. Ninety-four loans have been repaid, leaving eighty still on our books.

Loans outstanding and payments received are as follows:

STATEMENT OF PARSONAGE LOANS—YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

Loans Outstanding and Payments Received During the Year are as Follows:

	Outstanding April 15, 1917	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1918
Second, Tacoma, Washington	701.24	71.92	629.32
First, Tacoma, Washington	1,915.73		1,915.73
Eighth, Chicago, Illinois	956.71	148.00	808.71
Long Beach, California	346.70	277.52	69.18
Boynton, Oklahoma	355.95	111.23	244.72
Hutchinson, Kansas	46.98	46.98	
First, Schenectady, New York	1,448.42	184.09	1,264.33
Chester, West Virginia	400.00	400.00	
Stuttgart, Arkansas	536.60	50.00	486.60
Bellingham, Washington	1,702.95		1,702.95
North, Allegheny, Pa.	310.80	310.80	
Everett, Washington	228.00	28.00	200.00
Third, Des Moines, Iowa	366.49		366.49
Du Bois, Pa.	129.60	129.60	
Burlington, Iowa	344.42	100.00	244.42
Elmwood, Des Moines, Iowa	423.12	223.12	200.00
Lincoln, Nebraska	895.36	225.00	670.36
Woodruff Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.	303.00	303.00	
Winchester, Kansas	111.00	111.00	
Arkansas City, Kansas	82.09	82.09	
Torrington, Wyoming	375.09	375.09	
Third, Spokane, Washington	1,069.90	95.85	974.05
Rock Island, Illinois	621.80	263.00	358.80

	Outstanding April 15, 1917	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1918
Conway, Pa.	382.75	333.00	49.75
Central Falls, Rhode Island	485.46	277.52	207.94
Roosevelt, Oklahoma	83.25	83.25	
Waterloo, Iowa	1,231.67	730.90	500.77
Morgan Hill, California	222.00	111.00	111.00
Emporia, Kansas	763.04	263.75	499.29
Farrell, Pa.	804.60	241.44	563.16
Allison Park, Pa.	624.35	41.63	582.72
Second, Spokane, Washington	2,288.59	250.00	2,038.59
Corsicana, Texas	613.14	283.08	330.06
Benton Lawn, Kansas City, Kansas	1,605.00	192.00	1,413.00
Harvard Heights, Los Angeles, Cal.	346.70	277.52	69.18
Montrose Ave., Chicago, Ill.	1,982.78	240.00	1,752.78
Forest Ave., Bellevue, Pa.	1,094.50	974.75	119.75
Guthrie, Oklahoma	943.50	277.50	666.00
Spirit Lake, Idaho	979.96	44.80	935.16
East Mansfield, Ohio	531.23	27.75	503.48
Bristol, Colorado	666.00	177.60	488.40
Nampa, Idaho	1,110.00	166.50	943.50
Third, Seattle, Washington	1,942.10	176.58	1,765.52
East Side, Gary, Indiana	1,305.35	163.08	1,142.27
Manhattan, Kansas	843.48	160.19	683.29
Whittier, California	185.44		185.44
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1,825.03		1,825.03
Boise, Idaho	1,523.62	216.50	1,307.12
Brookings, South Dakota	790.80	166.48	624.32
Zenith, Kansas	730.50	90.00	640.50
Trenton, Ohio	1,248.64	277.52	971.12
Prosser, Washington	1,065.60	177.60	888.00
Parma, Idaho	1,340.24	233.12	1,107.12
McClellan Heights, Davenport, Iowa	499.40	99.92	399.48
Omdurman, Sudan	1,942.50	388.50	1,554.00
Fairhill, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,091.25	291.75	1,799.50
San Antonio, Texas	1,830.06	333.32	1,496.74
South Omaha, Nebraska	1,334.50	166.50	1,168.00
Rochester, Pa.	1,942.50	310.80	1,631.70
Ewart, Iowa	485.53	77.72	407.81
Third, Portland, Oregon	1,906.86	52.97	1,853.89
Albia, Iowa	1,942.44	277.52	1,664.92
Middletown, Ohio	2,835.42	300.00	2,535.42
Canton, Ohio	1,942.44	277.52	1,664.92
Ingleside, San Francisco, Cal.	1,048.86	149.88	898.98
Burlington, Washington	1,556.74	235.90	1,220.84
Barston Colony, California	1,415.22	166.52	1,248.70
Assiut, Egypt	12,458.35	1,661.12	10,797.23
West Side, Monmouth, Ill.	2,414.25	333.00	2,081.25
Creston, Iowa	1,776.50	222.50	1,554.00
Kenton, Portland, Oregon	1,887.00	91.92	1,795.08
Meridian, Pa.	2,069.90		2,069.90
Donora, Pa.	1,495.12	46.00	1,449.12
Economy, Ambridge, Pa.	3,189.24	70.00	3,119.24
Riverside, California	1,887.00	222.00	1,665.00

	Outstanding April 15, 1917	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1918
Woodlawn, Pa.	3,441.76	320.16	3,121.60
Chariton, Iowa	777.00	88.80	688.20
Monroe Memorial, Akron, Ohio	1,700.10	199.80	1,500.30
Oneonta, New York	943.50	111.00	832.50
First, Cincinnati, Ohio	3,282.00	330.00	2,952.00
Chicota, Texas	795.00	159.00	636.00
Tulsa, Oklahoma	1,899.90	199.80	1,700.10
Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pa.	3,790.18	412.00	3,378.18
Ontario, Oregon	2,648.50	235.44	2,413.06
Sandy Lake, Pa.	530.00	106.00	424.00
Fourth, Akron, Ohio	500.00		500.00
Military Avenue, Detroit, Mich.	3,841.96	320.16	3,521.80
	$117,332.25		$98,883.38
Credit allowed on loans for advanced payment:			
Forest Avenue, Bellevue, Pa.	119.75		119.75
Totals	$117,212.50	$18,448.87	$98,763.63

NEW LOANS DURING THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1917.

	Amount of Loans and Interest	Amount Repaid	Loans Outstanding April 15, 1918
Jetmore, Kansas	$ 555.00	41.64	513.36
Sebring, Ohio	2,220.00		2,220.00
Fourth, Akron, Ohio	3,568.00		3,568.00
Norfolk, Virginia	3,954.98		3,954.98
Total New Loans	$ 10,297.98	$41.64	$ 10,256.34
Total Loans in Force During the Last Fiscal Year	$127,510.48		
Total Received During Year on Account of Loans		$18,490.51	
Total Outstanding Loans April 15, 1918			$109,019.97
Received Additional Cash as Follows:			
Rent, Luxor Missionary Residence		$ 360.00	
Rock Valley Mortgage and Interst on Same for One Year Less Cost of Exchange and Filing		825.55	
Interest Daily Balances		16.76	
Total Cash Receipts		$19,692.82	

MRS. J. D. SANDS, Parsonage Secretary.

I have made a careful examination of the accounts of Mrs. J. D. Sands, Parsonage Secretary, for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1918, and take pleasure in certifying that they are correct. The foregoing is a correct statement of loans at the beginning and close and of the changes occurring during the year.

A. F. SAWHILL, Auditor.

REPORT OF

JUNIOR SECRETARY.

ONCE MORE the sands of Father Time have run their course and today we bring to you the 26th Annual Report of the Junior Department of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Our motto for the year was, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only" and it is most gratifying to note that not only the Juniors but the leaders as well must have been observing it and living up to it, if one can judge from the splendid results of the year's work.

Encouraging developments have been many and we may here mention several, viz., we have a net gain of thirteen new societies; we have contributed to every department of work under the care of the W. G. M. S.; we have given the entire amount required for Junior Special; we have the splendid increase of $1087.47 in our Thank-Offering, and a net increase in the grand total contributions (over 1917) of $406.47.

Reports have been received from 59 Presbyterials in America and one in Egypt.

Three Presbyteries in America failed to send in any report at all, Iowa Northwestern; Pittsburg, Kans., and Sidney, while from the Fourth Presbytery, Omaha, the report was received on May 9th, too late to be inserted in the record.

From 59 Presbyteries in America we glean the following figures:

	1917	1918
Presbyteries reporting	63	59
Presbyteries not reporting		4
Little Light Bearers' Societies	54	54
Little Light Bearers' Members	939	906
Junior Societies reporting	500	472
Jr. Soc. failing to report	24	65
	524	537
Number New Societies	29	
	553	
Number Societies disbanded	16	
	537	
Net gain Societies		13
Total Societies reporting	554	526
No. Junior Members	14048	11875
No. Little Light Bearers	939	906
Total Membership	14987	12781
No. Juniors 13 years or over	1521	1505
No. New Life Members	164	233
No. Honorary Members	887	672
No. Graduated into Y. P. C. U.	774	673
No. Graduated into Y. W. M. S.	130	94
No. Uniting with Church	1025	800
No. Jr. Missionary Magazines	5888	5400
No. Boxes and Packages	256	147
Estimated value of same	$699	$593

Please note that 65 societies failed to return report blanks. Even if a small society is holding only occasional meetings, or only during the summer months, but sending contributions, it should be reported, as only by the return on the pink blanks provided and distributed for the purpose, can any idea of the work be gathered and societies receive credit for what they may have accomplished.

We regret that 16 societies have disbanded (many say temporarily) during the year for *lack of leaders.*

Another cause for regret is the fact that 29 organized societies have failed to give a Thank-Offering and so miss the satisfaction of having contributed to the 30th Annual Thank-Offering and the joy of having a part in this "special gift" to the King of kings.

We are sorry to note from the blanks that 85 societies fail to use the Junior Missionary Magazine, thus depriving

themselves of the monthly "live wire" news, facts, stories and helps furnished in the "wee" Magazine.

These things can all be easily remedied if the leaders of the societies and also the Presbyterial officers will make up their minds to do so and give these matters their earnest attention.

Comparison of the number of members in 1917 and in 1918 gives us an apparent loss of 2206 members, but we must remember that the membership of four entire Presbyteries and sixty-five additional societies is not included in these figures. We feel sure that if every society had reported there would be no suggestion of loss of members, but, rather, the knowledge of steady gain.

The complete list of the twenty-nine new societies is published in the June number of the Junior Missionary Magazine.

Contributions.

It is with feelings of special thankfulness that we give our financial report, for when we consider the unusual condition of our country this past year and its many, many demands upon us for money to carry on its most necessary work, we feel that God has been guiding us in the bringing of our gifts into His treasury for His work. Our contributions are as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 783.00
Foreign Salaries	235.00
Home Missions	513.00
Indian Work	200.00
Freedmen's Missions	221.00
Parsonage	31.00
Ministerial Relief	18.00
Junior Special	2500.00
Presbyterial Expense Fund	107.00
Temperance	57.00
Congregational Work	225.00
District Work	183.00
Orphans' Home	84.00
Columbia Hospital	31.00
Aged People's Home	11.00
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	2.00
Little Light Bearers' Fund	275.00
Junior Magazine Reserve Fund	73.00
Total	$ 5549.00
Thank-Offering (including Life M.)	7513.49
Grand Total	$13062.49
Grand Total 1917	$12656.02
Grand Total 1918	13062.49
Net Gain 1918	$ 406.47

Honor Roll.

Twenty-four societies are on the Honor Roll, having contributed over $100.00; one society gave over $300.00; five societies gave between $200 and $300; eighteen societies gave between $100 and $200, while four additional societies gave between $90 and $100.

1.	Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.	$315.00
2.	Ingram, Pittsburgh, Pa.	271.00
3.	Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	253.00
4.	2nd Ch., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	229.00
5.	6th Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.	219.46
6.	St. Clair Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.	208.64
7.	Shadyside, Pittsburgh, Pa.	198.00
8.	1st Ch., Wilkinsburg, Pa.	188.26
9.	8th Ch., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	160.57
10.	1st Ch., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	153.00
11.	Mars, Pa.	146.00
12.	1st Ch., Braddock, Pa.	140.00
13.	Robinson Run, McDonald, Pa.	139.00
14.	1st Ch., Cambridge, Ohio	136.03
15.	1st Ch., Indiana, Pa.	132.08
16.	Tabernacle Ch., Youngstown, Ohio	131.00
17.	11th Ch., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	130.00
18.	3rd Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.	125.25
19.	1st Ch., Tarkio, Mo.	118.83
20.	Emsworth, Pa.	116.83
21.	Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.	113.00
22.	1st Ch., New Concord, Ohio	107.04
23.	Crafton, Pittsburgh, Pa.	107.00
24.	Avalon Ch., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	101.00

Special Mention.

1.	Vandergrift, Pa.	95.16
2.	Houston, Pa.	95.00
3.	Wallace Mem., Washington, D. C.	95.00
4.	East Palestine, Ohio	91.00

Egypt.

One Presbytery in Egypt, Middle

Egypt, has reported 2 societies, with 250 members; regular offerings $31.60; Thank-Offering $65.25. Total contributions $96.85.

Junior Special.

As the end of each year draws near, one anxiously awaits the monthly report of our General Treasurer as to the amount of money paid in for Junior Special and it is always a cause for rejoicing when the books close with our pledge paid in full. This year we have just reached the "front line trench" or $2500.00. Next year we must "go over the top" as we will need $2675.00 to complete the work assigned us, that of the support of the Educational work of the Girls' Schools in Alexandria, Egypt.

This is a splendid opportunity for us to help the girls of Egypt, during these trying days of this terrible world war. Who knows but that God has some special plan in this work for us at this time, that, through the influence of our missionaries in these schools, many may hear the Word and be touched by it so that they will come out openly to lead a Christian life.

We hope to have the coin holders, for the gathering of the dimes for Junior Special, ready early in the Fall. They will be at the Board Rooms, 904 Publication Bldg., free, if called for, but if ordered by mail please send postage at the rate of three cents a dozen.

Thank-Offering.

As stated elsewhere our Thank-Offering is considerably larger than that of last year, an increase of $1087.47. This may be partly accounted for by the lively interest taken in the Junior Life Memberships. You will notice that 233 new Life Members are reported this year as against 164 last year.

In the March number of the Junior Missionary Magazine was published a complete alphabetical list, by years, of the 1187 Junior Life Members from the first one, in July, 1904, up to July 1st, 1917.

Since July last 262 names have been added to the roll, giving a total of Junior Life Members to May 1st, 1918, of 1449.

Convention Banner.

We looked forward with most pleasant anticipations to the presentation of the Junior Banner by our Convention President, Mrs. E. C. Wellman, to the Presbyterial meeting all six points of the requirements for efficiency, but we have to state that, as shown by the reports, no Presbytery is entitled to the Banner.

Wisconsin Presbytery won it last year, but the failure of one society to send any report, and presumably to contribute any money to W. G. M. S. work and to the Thank-Offering has lost this Presbytery the Banner this year, bringing their percentage down to 89%.

May we urge all Presbyterial Junior Secretaries, all Superintendents and teachers of Junior Societies to keep before them this year these six points of efficiency, not only that some Presbytery may win the Banner next year but also that we may, for our own sakes reach a high standard in our work for our King.

Let us repeat the six points required:

1. A Junior Society in every Church.
2. A 10% increase in membership of the Presbytery.
3. Every Society contribute to W. G. M. S. Work.
4. Every Society must give a Thank-Offering.
5. Every Society report on time, April 5th.
6. Presbyterial Secretary report on time, April 15th.

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Giving to Junior Special is not included in point 3, as part of our training is to learn to suppoort the work for which our "mother" society is responsible, that of the W. G. M. S., Foreign, Home, Indian, Freedmen Missions, etc., and by giving even a small amount to any one of these enlarges our interest and share in the work.

We have done well but we can do much better work if we all keep before us the same high standard and strive to attain our goal.

As a means to accomplish this end, may we all observe the following:

Marching Orders

1. Every Presbyterial Junior Secretary keep in touch with the General Secretary.

2. Every Superintendent keep in touch with your Presbyterial Junior Secretary and report to her.

3. Attend your Presbyterial meetings and so keep in touch with the work in general.

4. Keep an accurate account of members, contributions and other necessary facts, as listed in the pink blank sent out annually, and answer fully all questions on same.

5. Use your "tools," the Junior and Senior Missionary Magazines, the Mission Study books, the Junior Manual and other helps provided by the Literature Department.

6. Let every society contribute at least one dollar to the mission work of the W. G. M. S.

7. Let every society contribute to Junior Special.

8. Let every society give a Thank-Offering, using the pink Thank-Offering boxes provided, free, for the purpose.

9. Let our "password" be, John 9:4. "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

Let us go on in the work of our Junior Societies with renewed interest, earnestness and devotion, and let us pray as we have never prayed before that love and consecration to Christ and His Kingdom may fill to overflowing, not only each little heart intrusted to our care, but also our own hearts.

Someone has said:

"A lifelong service for our Lord and Master!
Be that the aim of every ransomed soul;
To clothe some needy one, to make disaster
Seem just a little easier to control;
To say kind words to those whose eyes are glistening
With newly formed and anguish bidden tears;
To speak as though we knew our God were listening
To every utterance as it appears:
And thus by word and work to make our mornings
And evenings boundaries of recurring days,
In which our lives shall have their best adornings
In loving ministry and grateful praise.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. H. MILLIKEN.

REPORT OF

THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

FROM THE Scriptures we learn that "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."

Turning the search-light upon the past year, what do we discover? That 1917 was a year of God's *testing time* of His people.

First. When, amid the horrors of war, so cruel at times as to be almost unbelievable—if doubt would whisper—"Does God reign, or is Satan on the throne as ruler of the nations?" the Christian's faith endured the test, and with triumph exclaimed, "The Lord reigneth: He is a great King over all the earth: He sitteth upon the throne of His holiness: He judgeth the world with righteousness."

Second. It was a year of God's testing time of the character of our nation as a *Christian* nation.

But how quickly it responded to the test by furnishing millions of men and money to meet the need of the hour and thus show to the world that favored as we are as a nation "We are our brother's keeper" as taught by our heavenly Father.

Third. It was a year of God's testing time of the women of our nation.

With what alacrity they set aside minor duties to the call of the world's need, and revealed their true spirit of self-sacrifice for the oppressed of the earth, and proved their willingness and their ability to serve in whatever sphere of usefulness God called them.

Fourth. It was a year of God's testing time of the members of our missionary societies: Women's, Young Women's and Juniors, and how nobly, in the midst of urgent demands for financial aid from the government and high cost of living, they proved their love and gratitude for their Lord's mercies and blessings by laying upon His altar for the extension of His kingdom, the generous sum of $92,000.

At this the close of thirty years activity in the Thank-Offering Department of our women's work for missions we have great reason to sing songs of joy and thanksgiving over the fact that 1917 has passed into history as unparalled in its devotion to the Lord's cause, in its prayerful spirit, in its diligent efforts, in its persistent zeal and in its liberal giving.

THE STORY THE THANK-OFFERING BLANKS TELL FOR 1917.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Secretary.

During August, 1917, Thank-Offering blanks were sent to 1676 societies through the Presbyterial Thank-Offering Secretaries. Of this number 1443 returned well filled-in blanks, while 233 failed to send in reports. What a real joy it would be if for the thirtieth anniversary report to our Annual Convention, all societies in the church could be included. Shall we not make that our aim for 1918?

Reports by Presbyterials.

For 1917 twelve Presbyterials are on the Honor Roll for having sent in well filled blanks from all auxiliary societies:

Arkansas Valley	30 societies
Butler	49 societies
Cedar Rapids	19 societies
Chartiers	53 societies
Idaho	9 societies

Iowa Northwestern	6 societies
Lake	38 societies
Monongahela	121 societies
Omaha	16 societies
Vermont	6 societies
Westmoreland	48 societies
Cleveland	40 societies

Of the 63 Presbyterials in the home-land 58 made commendable increase in gifts over the previous year. Only five Presbyterials failed to make some increase during the twelve months.

Sixteen Presbyterials gained	$ 100 each
Eight over	200 each
Eight over	300 each
Three over	400 each
One over	500
Two over	800 each
One over	1300
One over	2100

Increase by Societies.

In the 1443 returned blanks from societies 1016 report an increase of offerings, being 47 more than in 1915.

Fifty-four Women's societies are on the Honor Roll for having doubled their offerings of the previous year.

Seven societies gave three times the sum given in 1916, four gave four times, and one gave five times as much.

Forty-one Young Women's Societies doubled their offerings. Six gave three times, three gave four times, one gave five times, one gave eight times the amount given in 1916.

Eighty-one Junior Societies are on the Honor Roll, their gifts having averaged one dollar per member. Seven societies doubled the sum given in 1916, eight gave three times, nine gave four times, one gave five times, one gave six times, and one gave eleven times as much as in the previous year.

"Honorable Mention" is made of 105 additional societies: 57 Women's Societies, 23 Young Women's Societies, 25 Junior Societies, which almost reached the required standard for the Honor Roll.

Statistical reports go to prove that societies in 1917 reached the highest standard in giving gifts of gratitude to their Lord of any year in the history of our Thank-Offering movement, notwithstanding the Government demands and the high cost of living under war conditions.

Reports from Foreign Field.

Egypt.

Delta Presbyterial with 22 societies reports an offering of	$ 740.00
Assiut with 4 societies	500.28
Middle Egypt with 4 societies	131.75
Thebes with 4 societies	110.00
Total	$1482.03

Think of it! In 1917 when Egypt was carrying heavy war burdens, its 18 Women's, 3 Young Women's and 13 Junior societies gave larger gifts of gratitude to their Lord than any one of 46 Presbyterials gave in the home-land.

Query: Are we American Christians to look to the native Christian women and children of Egypt for our example in giving gifts of gratitude to the Lord's cause? Are we?

India.

We deeply regret that but one Presbyterial reports Thank-Offerings for India.

Three societies in Rawalpindi Presbyterial report the goodly sum of $63.56.

The societies in Egypt and India disburse their offerings to objects in their own countries and the Sudan. As their gifts do not pass through the treasury of our Women's Board they are not included in the treasurer's annual report of the Thank-Offering.

Distribution of Supplies During 1917.

Orders filled—1458	
Senior, Young Women's and Junior Envelopes	87374
Senior and Junior Boxes	15406
Senior and Junior Leaflets	77609
Senior and Junior Responsive Services	18738
Messages, Letters and Report Blanks	9250
Boxes sent to Egypt	1200
Total	209577

Five Watch-Words for Presbyterial Thank-Offerings Secretaries for 1918.

Promptness: Be prompt in getting into personal touch with all auxiliary societies, and place before them the growing need of liberal offerings.

System: Be systematic in forming and in carrying out plans for the regular and systematic giving of offerings through the "blessing boxes."

Courage: Be courageous in undertaking even what may seem hard to accomplish, and in efforts to overcome any difficulty that may arise in your work.

Persevere: Be persevering all through the year in following up zealously every effort that gives promise of success in extending the work and in deepening the spirit of gratitude in the hearts of God's people.

Prayer: "Be fervent in spirit, instant in prayer" for God's constant guidance in all your work, and for His richest blessings upon the givers and upon the gifts that they may be used of God in the salvation of precious souls in all our mission fields.

A Word to Congregational Societies.

Upon you will depend largely the success of the 1918 Thank-Offering. Set your standard of giving still higher than that of 1917 and put forth prayerful effort to reach it before your "Ingathering Day" next Fall.

Keep in mind that not until the membership of your entire congregation will have become a grateful loving people, with every member and adherent a conscientious liberal giver to God's cause will your work as societies for the Thank-Offering Department be complete. Make it your earnest prayer that this beautiful "tree of gratitude" which is thirty years old today may continue to extend its roots until they shall take hold upon every hearthstone in our denomination, and "yield its fruit," not simply "every month," but every day "for the healing of the nations."

REGULAR 1917 THANK-OFFERING.

Albany	$ 454.21	Conemaugh	1375.67
Allegheny	8774.11	Delaware	1284.00
Argyle	1161.97	Des Moines	1364.70
Arkansas Valley	1208.65	Detroit	795.64
Beaver Valley	2456.00	Frankfort	841.17
Big Spring	631.68	Garnett	444.10
Boston	769.00	Hudson	546.49
Brookville	529.02	Idaho	316.34
Butler	2403.09	Illinois Central	628.50
Caledonia	1064.03	Illinois Southern	1210.27
Cedar Rapids	1222.17	Indiana	863.00
Chartiers	3867.12	Indiana Northern	241.11
Chicago	1035.17	Iowa Northwestern	211.28
Cleveland	3073.18	Kansas City	600.02
College Springs	1891.77	Keokuk	1615.61
Colorado	1172.24	Kiskiminetas	608.00
Concordia	215.64	Lake	1100.02

LeClaire	419.27
Los Angeles	2053.06
Mansfield	671.56
Mercer	1590.77
Monmouth	1979.68
Monongahela	15578.74
Muskingum	2538.75
New Jersey	400.02
New York	
Ohio First	1578.85
Oklahoma	201.92
Omaha	645.66
Oregon	475.06
Pawnee	437.07
Philadelphia	2103.88
Pittsburgh	179.78
Puget Sound	679.09
Rock Island	980.78
San Francisco	846.87
Sidney	516.36
Spokane	283.24
Stamford	
Steubenville	2245.59
Tennessee	532.45
Texas	156.44
Uncompahgre	78.74
Vermont	139.98
Westmoreland	3050.48
Wheeling	1772.70
Wisconsin	435.84
Xenia	1866.00
A Friend	10.00
Russelton J. M. S.	1.12
Friend	25.00
Mrs. S. P. Moore	25.00
Rev. S. B. McBride	25.00
Annie C. Lillie	25.00
J. M. Oliver	25.00
J. W. MacDanel	300.00
Sterling Convention	106.27
Henrietta Cowden	25.00
Women, Moundsville Cong.	25.00
Mrs. A. S. Pattison	25.00
Income, E. McCartney, Dec'd	8.00
Miss Sarah J. Anderson	300.00
Mrs. J. R. Brown	10.00
Mrs. E. M. Wilson	50.00
Miss Ida Woods	25.00
Mrs. Mary Banker	25.00
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bond	1.00
Sale of Supplies	300.00
Mrs. D. L. Barackman	20.00
Rev. W. A. Matthews	50.00
W. M. S., Military Ave., Detroit	95.51
Mrs. H. N. Freeman	10.00
King's Daughters & Sons, Salinas	28.27
Bertha Houston	10.00
Mrs. Clara Fisher	1.00
Frenchburg	26.36
Friend	9.04
By transfer	49.00
Interest (Approximately)	1550.18
Total	$ 93599.35
Special 1917 Thank-Offering	9166.90
Grand Total	$102766.25

SPECIAL 1917 THANK-OFFERINGS.

Rev. John A. Wilson	$ 5.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiegering	25.00
Miss M. E. Douds	100.00
Fred S. Bunn	25.00
C. M. Reed	5.00
Mrs. A. G. King	200.00
David McGowan	100.00
Miss M. McCollam	15.00
Mrs. James Carson	25.00
Mrs. Emma Fried	25.00
Mrs. J. J. Porter	25.00
Mrs. W. C. Allen	25.00
Miss Sarah Anderson	25.00
Mrs. E. M. Hill	200.00
Mrs. Mary J. Wylie	5.00
Mr. Hugh Kennedy	100.00
Miss Emma Mabon	25.00
Miss M. Y. Richey	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Rodgers	25.00
Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick	10.00
Mrs. Jennie M. Kennedy	5.00
Mrs. Mary E. McQuiston	5.00
Mrs. Josephine Martin	25.00
Mrs. J. M. Dickson and Mrs. Chas. Sharp	10.00
G. E. F. Gray	10.00
E. P. Phelps	5.00
Mrs. Alice Denny	10.00
Edwin F. Wendt	5.00
Kate A. Jamison	500.00
Mrs. James C. Alexander	25.00
Elizabeth Warden	50.00
Alice F. Warden	25.00
Mrs. R. W. Dinsmore	5.00
David Junk	10.00
Mrs. J. B. Johnston	5.00
Margaret Milligan	125.00
S. S. Mehard	10.00
Anna A. Milligan	10.00

Mrs. W. S. George	25.00
Mrs. W. L. Sloan	10.00
Margaret McDill	5.00
Pawnee Juniors	15.00
W. M. S., 1st Cleveland	25.00
Mary E. Simms	10.00
Scotch Ridge	20.00
Mrs. Fred Sebring	25.00
Member 1st Wilkinsburg	18.00
Miss Sarah J. Reid	10.00
W. M. S., Union Church, Monongahela Presbytery	5.00
Friends, Keokuk, Iowa	3.00
Mrs. Lillian B. Smith	10.00
Y. W. M. S., 1st Steubenville	25.00
Mrs. W. B. Boies	300.00
Mrs. J. P. McDanel	5.00
Frances McKinley	1.00
Mrs. Leonard Argusinger	5.00
W. S. George	300.00
Mrs. J. G. Gillis	40.00
Mrs. M. L. McClenahan	5.00
W. M. S., Sidney, Ohio	2.00
6th, Cleveland, Ohio	25.00
Y. W. M. S., 3rd, Pittsburgh	10.00
Beaver Valley W. M. S.	25.00
Xenia W. M. S., 1st Church	50.00
Mrs. A. S. Thomson	5.00
Mrs. Zetta E. Anderson	10.00
Conemaugh W. M. S.	300.00
Mrs. R. C. Morton	25.00
A Friend	7.00
Mrs. J. B. Hill	50.00
Fred C. MacMillan	5.00
J. M. S., Arlington	10.00
Friends, 2nd Indiana, Pa.	25.00
J. R. Patterson and A. J. Blair Families	25.00
Mrs. Robt. T. McClure	20.00
W. M. S., 1st, Pittsburgh	42.00
A Friend in Wooster Presbytery	1112.00
Mrs. Margaret S. McClure	5.00
D. M. Campsey	25.00
W. M. S., 3rd, Pittsburgh	80.00
Arkansas Valley W. M. S.	25.00
Mrs. S. M. Brown	1.00
Philadelphia W. M. S.	60.00
Mrs. Geo. J. Henninger	5.00
Cleveland W. M. S.	29.50
Mrs. C. E. Hanna	2.50
Xenia, Mrs. F. O. Ross	25.00
Mrs. W. S. Cook	5.00
Westmoreland W. M. S.	21.45
A. L. Bell	25.00
Mrs. Mary C. Nevin	50.00
Margaret D. Nevin	10.00
Caledonia W. M. S.	5.00
Cedar Rapids W. M. S.	10.00
Miss Tillie M. Robertson	5.00
Mrs. Mary McKinnie	1.00
Butler W. M. S.	5.00
Mercer W. M. S.	90.10
Philadelphia W. M. S.	25.00
W. M. S., 1st, Providence	10.00
Charlotte E. Phipps	25.00
Mrs. George Hinchliffe	25.00
Mrs. J. M. Finney	50.00
Conemaugh W. M. S.	25.00
Miss Mary Ida Holmes	5.00
Mrs. Bertha Beveridge	5.00
W. M. S., Germantown	25.00
Los Angeles	25.00
Mrs. Emma Irvine	50.00
Allegheny W. M. S.	1000.00
Cleveland W. M. S.	44.00
Chartiers W. M. S.	10.00
Harriet A. and Mabel Collins	10.00
W. M. S., 6th, Pittsburgh	100.00
Crafton W. M. S. (by former member)	100.00
Miss M. A. Workman	7.50
Miss Harriet M. Lawrence	5.00
Mrs. Rosanna Stewart	5.00
Steubenville W. M. S.	2.00
Mrs. H. L. Anderson	7.25
J. M. S., Houston	20.00
W. M. S., West Allis	25.00
Mrs. W. W. Brown	25.00
Mrs. D. O. Smith	10.00
W. M. S., Piper City	5.00
W. M. S., Puget Sound	55.00
W. M. S., Hudson	65.00
Allegheny W. M. S.	25.00
Alamo Heights W. M. S.	5.00
W. M. S., 6th, Pittsburgh	10.00
College Hill Church	10.00
Frankfort	75.00
A Friend	25.00
Mrs. J. W. Long	5.00
Mrs. Walter Kennedy	25.00
Keokuk W. M. S.	50.00
Miss Jennie Robertson	25.00
Mrs. E. C. Wellman	55.00
Elmwood W. M. S.	15.00
Mrs. Harvey Fox	10.00
W. M. S., Sewickley	25.00
Dollar Shower	2130.60
Total	$9166.90

DISTRIBUTION OF 1917 THANK-OFFERING.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Tuesday, June 4th, 1918, the following distribution of the 1917 Thank-Offering was made:

Foreign Missions, General	$ 44000.00
Home Missions, General	11500.00
Freedmen's Missions	20000.00
Indian Missions	4000.00
Parsonage Department	2000.00
Ministerial Relief	1326.05
As Designated	19940.20
Total	$102766.25

DESIGNATIONS OF 1917 SPECIAL THANK-OFFERING.

Senior Life Members	$1600.00
Junior Life Members	210.00
Life Directors	900.00
Itinerating Fund	200.00
Girls' Boarding School, Khartum N.	40.00
Ladies' House, Rawalpindi	1112.00
Total	$4062.00

LIFE ANNUITY BONDS.

The Sterling Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society instructed its Board to issue four classes of Life Annuity Bonds, viz:

Class 1. When the annuitant is under forty years of age, pays 4½%.

Class 2. Where the annuitant is between forty and fifty years of age, pays 5%.

Class 3. Where the annuitant is between fifty and seventy-five years of age, pays 6%.

Class 4. Where the annuitant is seventy-five and over, pays 7%.

Annuitants may designate the principal of the bonds for the use of any department of the work of the Women's General Missionary Society they prefer.

Church women should buy bonds that will support the work of the women for women after the annuitant has gone to her reward. For further information address Mrs. H. C. Campbell, 2006 Wendover St., Pittsburgh.

DESIGNATIONS OF REGULAR 1917 THANK-OFFERING.

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Missions	Junior Life Membership	Senior Life Membership	Contingent Fund	Freedmen's Missions	Life Directorships	Columbia Hospital	TOTAL
Albany								
Allegheny	25.00	580.00	1000.00			600.00	75.00	2280.00
Arkansas Valley		60.00	75.00					135.00
Beaver Valley		40.00	50.00		50.00			140.00
Boston			25.00					25.00
Butler		30.00	300.00					330.00
Caledonia			25.00					25.00
Cedar Rapids		20.00	125.00					145.00
Chartiers		120.00	300.00					420.00
Chicago			25.00					25.00
Cleveland		90.00	450.00					540.00
College Springs	50.00	30.00	200.00					280.00
Colorado		10.00	25.00					35.00
Concordia		30.00						30.00
Conemaugh		50.00	325.00					375.00
Delaware		30.00	125.00					155.00
Des Moines			50.00					50.00
Detroit		10.00	125.00					135.00
Frankfort		30.00	50.00					80.00
Garnett	10.00							10.00
Hudson		10.00	25.00					35.00
Illinois Central		10.00	25.00					35.00
Illinois Southern		40.00	150.00					190.00
Indiana	31.75	10.00	75.00					116.75
Indiana Northern			25.00					25.00
Keokuk		20.00	200.00					220.00
Kiskiminetas		80.00	125.00					205.00
Lake		30.00						30.00
Los Angeles		70.00	100.00			300.00		470.00
Mansfield		50.00	75.00					125.00
Mercer		50.00	150.00					200.00
Monmouth		50.00	200.00					250.00
Monongahela	25.00	890.00	1250.00			300.00	55.00	2520.00
Muskingum		130.00	300.00					430.00
New Jersey		10.00						10.00
Ohio First	50.00	30.00	50.00					130.00
Omaha			100.00					100.00
Oregon			25.00					25.00
Philadelphia		130.00	275.00					405.00
Puget Sound			50.00					50.00
Rock Island		10.00	25.00					35.00
San Francisco		20.00	25.00			125.00		170.00
Sidney		10.00						10.00
Steubenville		30.00	625.00					655.00
Tennessee		20.00	25.00					45.00
Texas			25.00					25.00
Vermont		10.00						10.00
Westmoreland		40.00	300.00					340.00
Wheeling		40.00	25.00			300.00		365.00
Xenia		120.00	325.00					445.00
A Friend		10.00						10.00
Miss Jennie R. McAllister			25.00					25.00
Mrs. S. P. Moore			25.00					25.00
Rev. S. B. McBride			25.00					25.00
Annie C. Lillie			25.00					25.00
J. M. Oliver			25.00					25.00
Mrs. J. Grenot Kerr		10.00						10.00
Mr. J. W. MacDanel						300.00		300.00
Offering, Sterling				106.27				106.27
Henrietta Cowden			25.00					25.00
Women, Moundsville Cong.			25.00					25.00
Mrs. Anna S. Pattison			25.00					25.00
Miss Sarah J. Anderson						300.00		300.00
Mrs. J. R. Brown		10.00						10.00
Mrs. Emma M. Wilson			50.00					50.00
Miss Ida Woods			25.00					25.00
Mrs. Mary Banks			25.00					25.00
Mrs. D. L. Barackman		20.00						20.00
W. A. Matthews			50.00					50.00
Sale of T. O. Supplies				300.00				300.00
W. M. S., Military Ave.			25.00					25.00
Bertha Houston		10.00						10.00
Interest (approximately estimated)				1550.18				1550.18
Total	$ 191.75	$3100.00	$8225.00	$1956.45	$ 50.00	$2225.00	$ 130.00	$15878.20

REPORT OF DISTRIBUTIONS OF MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

NAME	Foreign Missions	Foreign Salaries	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Freedmen's Missions	Junior Special	Church Ex. & Parsonage	Ministerial Relief	Contingent Fund	Orphans' Home	Temperance	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Olivet Mission			75.00										75.00
Friends	50.00				50.00								100.00
S. S., Indiana, Pa.					10.00								10.00
Y. P. C. U., Indiana, Pa.			25.00										25.00
Mrs. Annie Cooper	10.00												10.00
Miss Mary Liggett												1.20	1.20
Mrs. M. C. Reaves				2.00									2.00
Jr. Assn., N. S., Pittsburgh			3.00										3.00
Mrs. Robt. Burneson	10.00												10.00
Mrs. S. J. Mitchell	60.00												60.00
F. W. McKee	5.00												5.00
Helpers S. S. Class	6.00												6.00
A Friend	7.00				8.00								15.00
Mrs. H. C. Campbell	50.00		40.00			22.00							112.00
Blair S. S.										10.00			10.00
W. M. S., Stanton											1.00		1.00
Mrs. E. M. Hill									25.00				25.00
Miss I. Lockhart					500.00								500.00
Mrs. R. A. Acheson	5.00												5.00
Jr. M. S., Palestine					5.00								5.00
Women's Missionary Magazine					500.00								500.00
A Friend		50.00											50.00
Mrs. A. L. Thomson	10.00												10.00
Miss S. Nettie Robertson	50.00												50.00
Pullman C. E. S.			25.00										25.00
A Friend	50.00												50.00
Warm Spring S. S. and Cong.	36.00			38.35	36.00								110.35
Mrs. J. R. Millen	5.00												5.00
King's Daughters' Class, Fowler	26.00												26.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wylie	25.00												25.00
L. A., 1st New Castle						1.00							1.00
Mrs. Lula A. Blair	140.00												140.00
Mrs. A. B. Dickie, dec'd	1000.00												1000.00
O. L. B. C., Belle Center	10.00												10.00
Y. P. C. E., Lisbon, N. Y.	25.00												25.00
Miss M. A. Bell		248.00											248.00
Homer City Juniors												1.00	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Crawford	100.00												100.00
Miss Edith O'Neil	400.00												400.00
Friendship Class, Ingram			50.00										50.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Aiken	50.00												50.00
Try Circle Class, Kansas City		9.00											9.00
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FREEDMEN'S SECRETARY.

AS I stand at the threshold of another year endeavoring to report to this Convention all that has occurred in our twelve stations during the year just closing, I feel the need of a readier pen and a quicker tongue.

In a general way the work has progressed. Notwithstanding the crisis through which we are passing and the call of the nation to many of our students—the attendance has been almost normal. The intense cold of the winter, to which our Southland people are unused, made the attendance of the smaller day pupils, impossible at times. Freezing weather reached the water pipes in some places, cutting off the supply of water; furnaces broke down and had to be repaired, but with all these drawbacks the record is "progress" and we can testify "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

True, sorrow came in the removal by death of the beloved Freedmen's Secretary and many hearts, both in that loved Southland of her's and here in the North are bereaved; but we know that she has entered into the haven of peace and rest and rejoice that she has received the welcome from the Master's lips, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

As in my report last year, attention was called to the fact that so many of our societies overlook this department in their offerings, so I would emphasize this statement this year, and beg you to remember the colored brother and sister in your prayers and in your contributions. Do not be a slacker in this respect.

A brief survey of each station may incline your hearts and I hope your pocketbooks to this needy field.

We will start at Camden, Ala., away down in the "black belt," where we find our people crude and undeveloped, and try to give a glimpse of the actual development, until the finished product at our Knoxville College is presented.

Rev. Mr. W. G. Wilson, of Camden, writes they have had a good year with an enrollment of 300. Thirty-seven of these were in the boarding department. The students are entirely from those districts where the state provides no adequate facilities for the colored children to get an education. The United Presbyterians are doing more for the education of the Negro in Wilcox Co. than the state of Alabama is doing. While she is appropriating $15.50 per capita for the education of her white children, she is giving thirty-two cents (32c) per capita for her colored children. Right here I want to emphasize the importance of our denominationl work in this needy part of the South and call the attention of the Church to the necessity for its continuance and enlargement. Let us give thanks that God has called us to work in such a needy field and that the work we are doing must ultimately tell for the uplift of the colored people.

Canton Bend, Ala., is situated midway between Camden and Miller's Ferry missions. This was the station that suffered so much last year for lack of sufficient food. Conditions have been much better in this respect this year and I am glad to report no "hungry children" this time. The Domestic Science department under Miss Percie Beck and the Sewing under Mrs. Ella Cotton, have done good work in educating 90 to 130 girls along these lines. A picture taken

of one corner of an exhibit room at a fair given this winter gave evidence of the skill with which canned fruit and preserves were made in the Cooking department and the neatness with which quilts and other necessary articles were finished in the Sewing department.

Our next station is Miller's Ferry. The new dormitory is as yet unfinished. The increased cost of both labor and materials, together with the inconvenience of being compelled to haul every necessary thing many miles, have greatly retarded the work.

We had hoped to present a completed building this time, but we can report one only in progress of construction and the problem of finishing at the contract price, when the prices of labor, material and hauling have increased almost 100%.

Five memorial rooms (at $50 per room) have been taken in the new dormitory up to this time. How could we more fittingly honor our friends, or perpetuate their names than to furnish a room in a building, which will mother at least 90 girls? The following have taken rooms: Knox and Margaret Milligan, Fifth Church, N. S., Missionary Society, in honor of Mrs. John Arthur; Beaver Valley Presbyterial, 2 rooms and the Aspinwall Congregation in honor of their pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Duff.

The Domestic Science department trained 50 girls and the Sewing department was the scene of great activity, 100 girls being trained from first grade work, until they reached the dress making department, where they made their own dresses. Then one of our two hospitals, Robinson, Memorial Hospital, is here, giving a regular nurses' training school course. Lectures are given by the doctors and Superintendent, and a certain standard must be attained by the students before they are permitted to take charge of outside patients. The practical work is secured, while taking care of the sick of the school, and those from the community who come for treatment. To these outside patients the hospital is a veritable refuge, for they could not possibly receive like attention in their own homes.

The testimony of the best white families in and around Miller's Ferry, is that they prefer our nurses to the white ones of the community. The skill with which these girls care for all diseases, from small pox, typhoid, pneumonia, to the minor ailments calls forth the highest praise. Truly, this is an important and essential part of our work.

The dormitories have been crowded and the families have been well cared for by their respective matrons.

Mothers' meetings and missionary societies are held here, as they are at the other stations, and the interest taken by these older people, whose toil worn hands testify to lives of hard labor, and the benefit they receive, fully repays their leaders for any expenditure of time and thought they bestow.

Now to Prairie. This is the mission where our farm is located and where the dormitory is called "Yourd Hall" in honor of our late Secretary. Prof. Elliott reports a hard year in many respects; the fuel proposition was a hard one. A family of 50 in the dormitories and being able to get only 48 pounds of flour and 10 pounds of sugar at one time, means that some calculating was necessary. Mrs. Elliott, the faithful and efficient house-mother at Yourd Hall' was called to government service. Forty cases of measles required the constant

attention of Mrs. Stanback, the present matron. The training she has as a practical nurse proved a blessing at this time.

I sometimes wish the whole church could see these young people when they enter school and again when they leave. I am sure they would have no more doubt as to the good the training is doing. They come crude from the country, where they have no opportunity for education or religion and go home with a vision of better living and better morals—superior in every way.

100% of the dormitory pupils are professing Christians! Many homes in and around Prairie, rise up and bless the denomination that has been the means of saving their sons and daughters. Is it not worth while? Can any mission work produce a better result? 37 girls took cooking and 51 sewing. They are a liberal hearted crowd, when a call comes from either Board, the students try in some way to answer by an offering, so grateful are they for the privileges they enjoy.

And now to Arlington, one of our bee hives of industry. Three classes a day report for laundry work, 90 girls are being trained in this department. A number work in the laundry to pay their expenses. 60 pupils are being trained in cooking and a larger number, 127, in sewing. 159 pupils have been housed in the dormitories. Small pox broke out in the community during the winter and all the boarders had to be vaccinated. Imagine, if you can, all the misery that could be bottled up in 159 sore arms and the patience needed by the matron who ministered to the sufferers!

Now, we must hurry and reach our three smaller day schools: Townsville, N. C.; Bluestone, Va.; and Riceville, Tenn. Prof. W. E. Williams, of Townsville, says they are very grateful to their heavenly Father for keeping them in good health and so richly providing for them, through the many trying experiences of the past year. We can see, as never before, the telling effect of the mission upon the home lives of the people. In many instances family altars have been established, the spirit of temperance promoted and Sabbath desecration discouraged. The school had an enrollment of 102 girls and they have been so benefitted by the sewing department, that they can do the sewing in their own homes, and receive orders from the outside people, who are willing, and do pay in advance, for their work. In the homes sanitary conditions and cleanliness are closely observed.

Rev. Mr. R. P. Williams, of Bluestone, Va., reports good work done in the Sewing department. Owing to the high cost of new material, much of the work has been the making of new clothes out of old ones. This has taught the children a valuable lesson in economy. The second-hand clothing, here as at the other stations has enabled many children who would not have been able, otherwise, to attend school and Sabbath School. Most every article has been turned to good account. It is hard to find words to express the appreciation of the kindness of the good people of the North, in helping us to keep warm this last winter. They are proud also of the Domestic Science department. It is of much benefit to the homes, also, for they are required to clean their work room thoroughly once a week and are receiving a good conception of thrift and economy in every day cooking.

Riceville, Tenn., is the third of our smaller day schools. One teacher, teaches

both Domestic Science and Sewing. She has 38 pupils in both departments and trains the children in all kinds of plain sewing and practical cooking. Prof. P. S. Jones is in charge at this mission.

And now to Henderson, N. C., where the other, one of our hospitals, "The Jubilee," is located. This has been both the best and worst year for the Hospital. Almost a year ago, a change in superintendents became necessary. More trouble than they ever had was experienced with heat and keeping the patients warm and sweet. The water pipes were frozen, too, and they could not get a drop of water. It has been the best year in the way of management, and interest on the part of the doctors.

They were so crowded with patients at times, there was no place for the nurses to sleep and the Board was compelled to rent an adjoining house, in order to provide a home for the nurses. The chief of staff, a white doctor, has generously offered $100 toward tiling the operating room floor, putting it in a more sanitary condition, and securing some much needed instruments. This offer was accepted and this room will be made up-to-date in appointments at a cost of $300.

The basement of this building has never been finished and it has been suggested that by furnishing it and putting in steam heat, four good rooms could be made and used for a kitchen, dining room, laundry and boiler room, thus leaving the first floor free for the nurses bed rooms and doing away with the rent of the extra house.

In less than a year, 104 patients have been treated and only 8 deaths. 29 of these cases have been operations for appendicitis, and in all the years of the hospital's existence, it has lost only 1 case from appendicitis. Since the beginning of the work, the Jubilee has been self-supporting, excepting for the salary of the superintendent and two months bills sometime ago, when we were changing superintendents. A record not made by very many hospitals.

Better equipment is needed for our two hospitals in order to attain the standard of excellence we desire, and we hope in the near future to be able to report two up-to-the-minute hospitals.

Rev. Mr. Cotton reports their young men are leaving for war service almost every day. One of the teachers has gone, one of their men is in Y. M. C. A. work; three are officers, and so many privates he has not been able to keep count. Larger bills for fuel and food stuffs. Sugar hard to get, but they have been able to get enough coal to keep warm, and enough sugar to keep sweet.

Miss Totten, who was laid aside by illness at the beginning of the term has regained her health and is performing her duties as house-mother with her usual faithfulness and efficiency.

Interest has been shown and progress made in both our departments. The same high standard of work has been maintained in both the sewing and domestic science classes. Girls when finishing are able to, and do make their own commencement dresses, and these are a credit to any school. Miss Sallie Fields answered the call of Cupid and became Mrs. Cogwell during the year. She remained at her post, however, and reports 103 pupils in her sewing classes. Mrs. Rachel Tarter had 66 pupils in her advanced sewing classes, where 437 yards of material were used.

Miss Warren had 91 pupils in her cooking classes. Practical lessons were given with good results in bread mak-

ing, pastries, meats, vegetables, desserts and we know 91 homes will feel the influence of this training.

And now to Chase City, Va. One of our two schools where the members of the faculty are white. Miss Esden reports a wonderfully interesting year in her Domestic Science department. Nearly every magazine, teeming with war recipes and suggestions for economy, thrift and food conservation. Never have domestic science topics attracted such wide interest as now, even the poets and cartoonists call attention to food supplies and food prices. Lecture work and practice work are of vital interest and both are given at Thyne Institute. She has an enrollment of 106 pupils; the higher grade girls prepare the three meals a day for the teachers; the lower grade girls do the dish washing, cleaning, polishing and table setting, along with work that leads up to the preparation of meals. The girls plan the meals with reference to the cost of materials and the amount to be expended and have been able to balance receipts and expenditures so far.

82 girls and 37 boys have been housed in the dormitories and fed in Vincent Hall—the girls' dormitory. The girls pay $7 a month board and do the work; the boys pay $7 a month and do 1 hour's work a day. Every one pay $3 a year for incidentals. This includes their tuition. Donations of bedding and linens have been received from friends and societies this year, and they were certainly appreciated. Ten stars are on the family service flag and more are to be added in the next draft.

Miss Cowden is proud of the way the girls took the cold weather to which they were unused and of which they had so much. They are anxious to learn to sew and it was a pleasure to teach them. 115 girls received instruction and learned to make pillow cases, hem sheets, make aprons, skirts, corset covers, etc. The girls here, also make their own commencement dresses. No work is permitted to leave the sewing room until it is finished with buttons, button holes or snaps as the case may require—thus they are taught thoroughness.

At Athens, Tenn., the school house was treated to new paint, which improved its appearance materially. The boys and girls have shown a most excellent spirit in work and general deportment. Mrs. Bates has supervised the making of 137 garments. Some fancy work was done, also, in order to give the broadest possible training in needle craft.

Miss Black has trained her classes to prepare, cook and serve a variety of dishes. The expense of running these departments is met by the departments themselves. No allowance is made by the Board for any of this work in any station. A very generous spirit prevails among both scholars and parents at Athens. They have secured a piano for the chapel, which is a delight in their song service, and have a plan on foot of which I am not advised, by which money is to be secured to make the appearance of the chapel more in keeping with their own ideas of the beautiful and as a work of appreciation for the United Presbyterians who have done so much to beautify their own lives.

At Knoxville College, two of our valued workers have been laid aside by ill health, Miss McCahan our own missionary, and Miss Kerr, one of our sewing teachers. A much needed porch has made McDill Home more attractive in appearance and adds materially to the comfort.

100% of the girls in Elnathan Hall, the large girls' dormitory, are professing Christians, and almost all of the student body have been won for Christ.

The cooking and sewing have been taught as usual by Miss Hamlin, Miss Foster and Miss Kerr. The Domestic Science department is now running an Emergency Course under the direction of the government. This is equipping the girls who go out to teach and all others who are taking special work in that line to be prepared to present to the communities the principles of food conservation. This class took a complete course also in school gardening and it was intensely interesting to them and the cause of much enthusiasm. The classes in sewing have kept up to the usual standard and the girls, as usual, even able to make their graduating dresses and very creditable gowns they were.

The call of the country is being heard and answered by many of the Knoxville boys.

And so, I leave this report with you. Matrons training the girls in home making and helping to win them for Christ. What other field can report more 100% of its students Christians? The sewing and Domestic Science departments are training for usefulness in homes and communities. True, some attention is given to fancy work as a training in good taste and as a diversion. They all work toward the uplift of our colored brothers and sisters. As you hear what they have accomplished, with the modest equipment and for the size of the work, the modest expenditure, I am sure you realize the work is worth while and the results so certain—so encouraging.

Then, if you could only see where so many thousands live in sin, misery, dirt, noise and poverty, would you not give anything you could spare, that you might do a little for their uplift? Don't you want to help them to rise?

The following are complete statements of receipts and disbursements of the Prairie farm and of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ADA KERR WILSON,
Secretary.

ANNUAL FARM REPORT.

For Year Ending March, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Amount left on hand March 1917	$ .13
Received from Board	745.00
Received from Farm Products	446.98
Received from Rent	82.00
Received from Real Estate	108.00
Total	$1382.11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Farm Expenses and Advances	$1254.82
Sent Board	108.00
Balance on hand	19.29
Total	$1382.11

I. L. DUMAS.

FREEDMEN'S MISSIONS.

Balance, April 15, 1917 ..... $ 2468.11

April 15, 1917, to April 15, 1918.

RECEIPTS:

By Presbyterials	$ 5950.00
By Industrial Depts.	150.07
By Interest	67.50
By W. M. Magazine	500.00
By Rock Valley Mortgage	312.00
By Noy Steele (Paym't)	108.00
By Individuals, Etc.	858.15
By Thank-Offering	17008.00
By Y. W. Special	480.00
Total	$25433.71
Disbursements	$23421.78
Balance, April 15, 1918	$ 4480.05

REPORT OF

HOME DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

IN SUBMITTING a report for the year we come with grateful hearts for the blessings that have been upon the work. Visible results are at times disappointing, but are to be accepted as trials of faith, and what has been accomplished is the assurance of greater things to come.

We have supported more workers than ever before. An increase of four city missionaries and one worker among the Aliens, over last year.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Our work for the mountain people, located at Frenchburg, Kentucky, consists of the maintenance of the institution, which in addition to the salaries of seven teachers, the physician, matron and half the salary of the pastor (the Home Board paying half of the pastor's salary) includes furniture, repairs and insurance on the buildings, namely, the church, the school building, which includes the teachers' home, the Elizabeth D. Brown Dormitory, the hospital, power house, cottage and the barn.

The electric light plant, erected by the women of Monongahela Presbyterial, as a memorial to the late Miss Elizabeth D. Brown, and for whom the dormitory is named, furnishes light for all our buildings and school grounds. We are indebted to Mrs. H. C. Campbell for the church and the walk and bridge leading to it, being lighted from the same plant.

All rooms in the dormitory and two in the hospital have been taken by individuals, societies or Presbyterials. All had been furnished in time for the opening of school last fall, with the exception of the large recreation and reading room. A few weeks ago we received a bequest of $470 from the estate of the late Miss Margaret H. Bruce, of Wooster, Ohio. This enabled us to furnish this room as a memorial to Miss Bruce.

Through the generosity of a friend of the institution (am sorry I do not know his name) a hot air furnace was placed in the hospital. A member of the faculty gave one hundred dollars toward equipping a bath-room in the hospital and another friend of the institution, name unknown to the Home Secretary, gave one hundred dollars for extra equipment for the hospital.

Dr. Delos Hogue, an eye specialist, of Springfield, Ohio, with two nurses from Lexington, Ky., and assisted by our own Dr. Esther Mitchell, conducted a clinic for a week in October. The little hospital was a busy place during this week, when the people from the surrounding country came for treatment. Trachoma being very prevalent. Dr. Hogue and the nurses give their services free. To all who have contributed to this work we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Dr. A. G. Weidler, the principal of the school and pastor of the congregation reports as follows:

FRENCHBURG SCHOOL.

Annual Report, 1917-1918.

In looking back over the past year, we find that we have had the most successful year in the history of our school, even in the face of some of the most adverse conditions the school has ever met. The weather, as elsewhere, has been unusually severe this winter, making it hard to keep up the record of attendance. The

corn crop, the principal food and money crop of the mountains, was almost a total failure in our section last summer, making it impossible for many students to come to school. The teaching force has been short because of illness of from one to three teachers during the year; at the present writing there being but seven of the ten workers on the field. Yet in the face of these problems we report progress in all lines and in all departments. We have been abundantly blest and are grateful that we have had strength to overcome difficulties and have some little part in extending the bounds of the Kingdom in our field.

The enrollment for the year reached the highest in the history of the school, 287. The average attendance has been the highest, there being over fifty neither late nor absent. At Christmas time prizes of War Saving Thrift Cards and stamps were given the pupils with perfect attendance records; there being seventy-five in the school who have such cards, many having War Saving Certificates. The school work has been well done, but because of the war many of the higher classes especially in the high school are small. Five of our eighteen graduates are in active service in the army and navy, one has graduated from Berea College, another graduates this year from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, five are in College, two are teaching, three of the young ladies have married, and one young man will enter medical school in the fall. We have been able this year to provide more in the line of helpful entertainment, having steropticon lectures, educational moving pictures and a full fledged lecture course. The installation of the electric lighting plant has helped make this possible.

The new Elizabeth D. Brown Dormitory was completed for the opening of school, and with its excellent equipment has aided materially in the success of the school year. This is said to be the most imposing and best equipped dormitory in the mountains. One hundred and seven young men and women have been cared for in the dormitory during the year, over half of whom could not have had the advantages of a Christian education without the welcome and help of this department.

The religious work has been very encouraging. The Young People's Society, the largest we have ever had with so many new students from outlying sections. The Sabbath School, for several years too large to meet in the church at one time, was this year assembled in the school building and has had an enrollment of 242 during the year. Here not only are the students given instruction in the Word but are trained for Sabbath School work by special classes and by actual experience. Thirty-three of the Sabbath School students made a profession of faith. The church has had an increase of 36 on profession of faith, with those received on certificate making a net increase in membership of 60%.

A splendid work of grace has been done in the hospital. Two hundred and fifty patients have been cared for during the year. The building has been made more serviceable by the addition of a bath room, the installation of a heating system, electric lights, running water and an electric sterilizer.

The support on the part of the W. G. M. S. has been on a large scale. We are grateful for the generous support of the women of the church and for the many individuals who through scholarships and other gifts have made it possible for so many mountain young men and

women to have the opportunities of Christian training.

Attendance: 159 girls, 128 boys, total 287. High School: 26 girls, 19 boys, total 45. Dormitory: 64 girls, 43 boys, total 107. Hospital: Patients, 250; Hospital days, 226; Treatments, 160; Examinations, 14; Operations, 26; Prescriptions, 75; Refractions, 30; Consultations and visits, 35.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WEIDLER.

WILMERDING AND RANKIN DISTRICT.

Our morning was spent in Wilmerding calling on members of the Sabbath School and friends. In most of the homes we were entertained in the kitchen and got some new ideas of housekeeping. Washing of some kind was being done in almost every home, either clothes, floors, or babies and our calling did not hinder the good work. Some were baking and insisted that we taste their bread. In the course of conversation we learned how deeply imbedded are the old customs and superstitions and how many of the women long for their native land.

We next visited in Rankin, inviting the children to sewing school that afternoon. Some promised; others told us frankly, "We won't come any more, that is Protestant." Some had too much work to do, clothes to wash and floors to scrub, but next week they would come. We found a few waiting when we reached the Mission, and during the sewing hour got acquainted with some of the little ones we had met earlier, and also got some idea of the antagonism of the Catholic element who tried in many ways to disturb the meeting. After an hour of sewing we had songs, Bible story, Scripture verses and prayer. We found some very bright children who are eager to memorize Bible verses. While the work meets with much opposition and is very discouraging at times, we rely on the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."

Statistical Report.

June 13, 1917, to April 15, 1918.

Church Services	89
Average Attendance	22
Sabbath School Ses.	86
Average attendance, Wilmerding	32
Average attendance, Rankin	19
Sewing Schools	58
Children's Meetings	25
Prayer Meetings	79
Calls	862

Collections in Sabbath Schools.

Wilmerding	$22.24
Rankin	$10.54

HARRIET V. ROMIG.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRUSHTON ITALIAN MISSION, PITTSBURGH, PA.

April 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1918.

Another year is passed on the history of our Church and God in His infinite mercy spared our life for His glory.

The work is more hard now than before; the war instead of humiliating the hearts of our people and making them repent of their sin, they remain indifferent and blame on God for all the evil caused by the war.

The field here is much smaller this year on account of the draft, many young men and even those who have families have gone to war, but a great work is still to be done among the women and the children. We lost this year 13 members, most of them joined the army; received in the congregation 4 new members. We had a nice Sabbath School with an average attendance of 53, the sewing school had an average of 19. 4 babies had been added to our Cradle Roll.

Although the work here has been on for several years, still there are persons,

and a good many of them, that fear to come inside of our new church. One day I made a call on a new family and after a few words with the lady I took my New Testament in order to read to her the Word of God. As soon as she saw me open the book, she said, "Lady, it is no use to read that book here, because I never will come to your church." I said to her, "Dear lady I did not ask you to come in my church, I only want to read to you something about Jesus." After I read a parable she said, "Oh, I know it is nice and that is the truth, but I will not go to a Protestant church." I then prayed while she was looking at me. I am still praying for her, may God some day open her spiritual eyes to see the truth.

We have at present 60 members, four new families attend regularly the evening service, and the children come to our Sabbath School in spite of all the priest can do to take them out. This is very encouraging. The pastor, Rev. Renzetti, is teaching the members how to become self-supporting; of course we cannot expect this to be affected now, one step made is the election of two Italian ruling elders to be ordained on April the 28th.

The Venia M. Smith Young Women's Society had their regular meetings every second Thursday of each month, the members of this Society gave this year to the different branches of the church $55, they held a bazaar to raise some money to pay the debt on the church and raised a little over one hundred dollars. In all departments of the church we raised over $554. That is an average of $9.23 per member.

This year I made 1500 visits, for two months I have been away for my health. I hope that this year that we are just entering in the Lord's work may be abundant of blessings and rich in harvest.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR RIBET.

FIRST ITALIAN, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Within the last nine months in which I have occupied the field as missionary, our Sabbath School and church have thrived in spite of the fact that there has been a great deal of sorrow in our Italian homes on account of the war which has taken from some homes the only support of the family. Owing to that and three different pastors within the year has made it very difficult to keep our members and others coming regularly.

During the past five months in which our present pastor has been with us, six new members have been received, all on profession of faith, three of these coming from our Sabbath School.

The Sabbath School has done wonderfully well considering the times. There have been more Italian children attending than at any time in the history of the school. The average attendance for the year is 76. With Mr. Taylor as superintendent, we hope it will thrive under his careful and enthusiastic influence.

We miss Mr. and Miss Reed, who for so many years gave so much of their time and influence to our school. Miss Reed has charge of our sewing department, but we miss her in the Sabbath School.

At present we have but eight teachers. The sewing school children come regularly, which is all due to their enthusiastic teachers. The average attendance has been good in spite of the very cold weather this past winter. Much is being done to bring our countrymen to

a saving knowledge of our Lord and Master.

We meet every Tuesday evening for a short prayer service. This prayer circle being established by our former pastor, proved to be very helpful. Week after week many prayers ascend to the throne of mercy, prayers that come from humble hearts, asking Him to drive away the evils which are dominating over so many homes in our community today, especially drink which is one of the many hindrances to our work for the Master. Many a home into which I enter on Sabbath I find the wife or mother spending a sad Sabbath day on account of drink which is alluring husband or son from home on the Sabbath.

Often I enter homes where groups of men are playing cards, and on inviting them to church, some pay no attention, others will ask if we serve whiskey in our church, if so they will come.

They need the Savior so much. They are so full of worldliness, selfishness, lack of love and ignorant of God's love and His salvation to men. They need our prayers, our help and we are sure that our heavenly Father will hear us; and through His help we shall, we will and must bring them to the feet of Jesus; to know Him, to embrace Him and to keep Him.

May that which has been done within the past year bring fruit abundantly and may we, co-workers of our Lord Jesus, not become weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap that which is good.

CARMELLA M. PASTORE.

CROATIAN, N. S., PITTSBURGH, PA.

During the year just closed the Croatian Mission has experienced considerable difficulty in carrying on its work. One difficulty has been the inability to secure a suitable and permanent worker. The result has been that two workers have been employed within the year. Both have been called to other fields of labor. Mrs. Edward Daum was first employed and continued from April until October. Mrs. Edward Welsh, the wife of a student in the Seminary, then took up the work and continued until the close of this year. These changes, together with interference from the Catholic church in the neighborhood have proven a serious handicap to the progress of the work. During the month of August the Priest visited the homes and told the parents they must not allow their children to attend the Protestant Sabbath School. Later a Sabbath School was organized in the Catholic church with a corps of teachers (this was the first Sabbath School they had ever had) at the same hour as the Mission school. Then when the Mission changed to another hour, the Catholics had a continuous service throughout the afternoon. Occasionally opposition has been started by the Priest, but subsided after a few weeks. This time it is organized effort and is more serious to our work. The children want to come to the Protestant Missions, but fear keeps many of them away. This opposition has reduced the attendance at Sabbath School about fifty per cent., but has not interfered so much with the week day classes.

Miss Elizabeth Hamilton who labored among them for three years with a good degree of success, has consented to take up the work again, and in as much as she had won their confidence, they still regard her as their friend and we hope the children will soon return to the Sabbath School and that the work may again

prosper and be a blessing to the Croatian people.

Average attendance in Sabbath School,	
Pupils	26
Teachers	4
Average attendance Boys' meetings	19
Average attendance Girls' meetings	15
Average attendance Children's metings	14
Total Receipts	$49.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tanta Hospital	$ 5.00
Frenchburg Dormitory	6.00
Sudan	5.00
India Bible Women	1.60
Armenian and Syrian Relief	2.50
Supplies, Gas and Repairs	25.65
Total	$45.75
Balance on hand	$ 3.58

EASTONVILLE MISSION, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

Under appointment by the Women's Board I began work in this field January 5, 1918.

This settlement known as Eastonville with a population of nearly 1000 has sprung up in connection with the Langeloth Chemical Works, nearly all nationalities are represented. As quite a few of them own their own homes we hope to be able to do more for them than is possible in similar places where they move so frequently.

A Sabbath School has been conducted in this place for some time by faithful workers, one a boy of 14 years united with the church who had been in regular attendance at the Sabbath School. The average attendance for the past year was 26, the offerings amounted to $30. I also attend a Sabbath School at Langeloth which is the headquarters at this place, Eastonville being really a part of Langeloth. This Sabbath School is made up of American children with an attendance of 30 to 40, preaching is held part of the time with a fairly good attendance.

In the Eastonville section, week-day meetings are held for the boys and girls at which religious instruction is given, and part of the time at the girls meeting is spent in sewing, knitting or crocheting. The average attendance is 15, at the boys meeting the attendance is 25, most of the time is spent in games. Through these meetings we get in closer contact with the children and hope it will lead up to a better attendance at the Sabbath School. An evening school and reading room has been opened in order to reach the older people.

The outlook is very good, I have been giving the women some instruction in English in their homes, I find this is one of the best ways to get acquainted with these people. There are so many ways in which we can minister unto them and so win their confidence. Have made 334 calls during the three months and been cordially received. To show that some appreciate what is being done for them, one day when I was leaving her home a woman said to me, "I wish God help you for you help all the people."

Our hearts go up in gratitude to God for all He has done and I ask the prayers of the church to remember our mission and those of us who are sent to minister to these people that we may indeed be used of God to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by the faith that is in me.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE WELCH.

ITALIAN MISSION, BUTLER, PA.

Spring is the time for seed sowing, Autumn to reap the harvest, yet in God's vineyard every day is a time to sow seeds of righteousness and sometime the harvest will be reaped if we faint not.

The growth of the Italian Mission in Butler has not been very great, yet the good seed planted is taking root and God has blessed and prospered us. When the work was begun two years ago a Sabbath School enrollment of twenty, with an average attendance of ten. Now we have an enrollment of 93, the highest attendance 65. We now have a superintendent, pastor, six teachers, secretary and treasurer. Our primary teacher and treasurer are Italian girls. We have a class for young men and one for young women. The older men are taught in Italian by Miss McKee. We hold our Y. P. C. U. meetings on Tuesday evenings. Glee club on Friday evening.

Last September we opened a new Sabbath School with an enrollment of thirty at the beginning. We met a great deal of opposition among the Catholics. It was hard to find a place to meet, consequently the school has not grown much. We are now making a house to house canvas and if it is God's will, the work will continue. We have services at the West End Sabbath morning and Wednesday evening and at Elm Street Sabbath afternoon and evening. In February evangelistic services were held at Elm Street for two weeks, closing with communion services when ten young people were admitted to the church, making a membership of thirty.

The industrial classes have been rather irregular. By going to the homes to teach sewing we can keep in close touch with the members of the family. During the past ten months have made 559 calls, spending 420 hours. This does not include the time spent in sewing in their homes.

Five of our Italian young men are in the service of our country. The Italian women have knit 34 pairs of socks and six sweaters. A collection of $8.00 was given.

If you were to visit any of our meetings you would meet some of the brightest, most intelligent people to be found anywhere. Although it sometimes seems hard to carry on the work, yet they are our very best friends, once we win their friendship, and they need only the great love of our Savior revealed to them to make them real Christian Americans. So as I go on in my work my prayer is:

"To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill
Oh may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will."

MISS BESS EAKIN.

12th CHURCH, N. S., PITTSBURGH, PA.

The little 12th Church has been holding on in the even tenor of its course the past year, neither gaining or receding very much so far as visible progress goes. Received five new members, had two deaths and four removals, leaving a membership of 181. There has been a splendid advance in our offerings, especially to missions. The offerings of the congregation with its various organizations for the year amounted to $2533.94. There were 100 preaching services, 17 cottage prayer meetings and 52 prayer meetings at the church. The average attendance at Sabbath School, 114. We feel that our Sabbath School is doing a splendid work and we believe its members and influence can be greatly increased. We need more workers.

Your missionary spent 753 hours in calling and made 1266 calls; conducted

a Bible class at her home Thursday evenings with an average attendance of 9, also conducted Noon meetings at the Wolverine Supply and Manufacturing Company's factory from the first week in October until the last of March, except during the month of January. Also attended regularly four services on the Sabbath taking an active part in two, superintending the Junior Department of the Sabbath School and leading the Junior Missionary meeting, and sang in the choir in the other two, besides sometimes drilling the choir in new music. She is also president of the W. M. S., and attends the meetings of the Fannie Baily Circle. Attending these various meetings, and the hours spent in study in preparation for them makes a pretty full program without mentioning extra meetings, conventions, etc., and the hours spent in calling which is a very necessary part of our work.

Eleven members are in the cantonments or in France. One reported "missing since August 16, 1917" and one "slightly wounded."

We have 26 on our Honor Roll which includes members of the church and Sabbath School and members of families connected with the church.

Our student pastor, Mr. Wm. H. Ross, who graduates from our Theological Seminary this spring, completed his work in our church the first of the year, and was succeeded by Mr. Wm. Wishart, a member of the second year class. Mr. Ross was certainly a "good and faithful servant" and leaves many warm friends in the old 12th Church. He hopes to go to India next fall. We are expecting Mr. Wishart to live up to his name.

MARGARET M. HEAZLETT.

ALLIANCE, OHIO.

We have kept the work at West Side going all year without a break. Have had Sabbath School every Sabbath afternoon and weekly prayer service every Wednesday evening. The Junior Society was reorganized in March, meeting every two weeks with very good attendance. In the fall we had our first Thank-Offering which amounted to $12.87. Also organized a W. M. S. and Aid together under the name of Ladies' Auxiliary, holding meetings the first Monday of each month. Our first Thank-Offering after having been organized about eight months amounted to $22. We have ten paying members. Have preaching service on alternate Sabbath evenings. Two of our Sabbath School members came into the church at last Communion.

SALLIE E. DICKEY.

KENMORE, OHIO.

Mrs. A. B. Reid began work in this new field the first of March. She reports as follows:

Nothing at all had been done in this field when I came. I had the name of one family who had been United Presbyterians, but had not been attending church for some time. Called on 28 families and all were anxious to start Sabbath School soon. Have started a Bible class that meets on Monday nights. Friday nights we meet to practice the Bible songs. We meet in one of the homes as we have not been able to secure a meeting place. The first Sabbath of April we had 61 at the preaching service. Our Thursday evening prayer meeting has had an attendance of from 20 to 26. That is not so bad considering we have no sidewalks and it is almost as muddy as in the trenches.

Have made more than 175 calls since I came here, March 4th. The people have all been church members somewhere else, but moved here, built homes and no church being handy have just neglected going. Have secured six teachers for the Sabbath School and can get two more if needed. I think it is going to be a good field. We expect to call our church the Shadyside U. P. Church of Kenmore, Ohio.

MRS. A. B. REID.

GARY, INDIANA.

My first month's work in Gary has closed. Have been kept busy preparing an Easter program which was given last night. Since last June 42 have been received into the church, 21 by certificate and 24 by profession. Now have a membership of 82. 185 were present at the Easter service last night, which is the largest attendance we have had. I have a women's class which I am trying to build up, I am superintending the Cradle Roll and making plans for a W. M. S., and some form of Young People's Work. We have an active Aid but no W. M. S. The social meetings of the Aid Society under Mrs. Smith's capable direction are very successful and are helpful in creating a friendly spirit in the congregation. So many are strangers in the church and also in the city that this is an important feature of the work. I consider this a most promising field and the work very encouraging.

Sabbath School enrollment, 177. Average attendance, 143. Church enrollment, 82. Average attendance, 95. Cradle Roll, 17. Meetings attended during month, 32. Calls for month, 74.

AULORA MCINTYRE,
City Missionary.

QUINCY MISSION, PITTSBURG, KANS.

Quincy Mission has struggled during 1917 and Spring of 1918 for her life. Last September the attendance in the Sabbath School was 24.

Then followed three months of prayer and work, the services were made as attractive as possible. One factor helped especially—Miss French and Miss Farrier, of Egypt, and Rev. McArthur, of India, were with us and spoke of their work. In November, Rev. Thompson preached every night for a week, one soul was saved and a heightened interest resulted in seventy-eight in our service.

Then followed a time of stress, unusually severe weather caused much sickness and several families suffered from the lack of sufficient food and and clothing, which was relieved in every possible way. The Sabbath School went down to twenty-four, almost where it was in September. During the last two months, it has been gaining slowly but surely and at present is up to forty-seven. One problem faced was how to reach the "teen age," for this purpose a Camp Fire Association was organized, the boys are just now debating whether they will have a base-ball nine or a Boy Scout Club and are very enthusiastic about both.

In February a Cradle Roll Department was organized and a visitor appointed.

The spirit of Quincy Mission is healthy. Several of our members are clamoring for an orchestra, there are several stringed instruments available but we lack a piano. We have secured tables for the use of the Primary and Junior Departments. I wish you could see our little boys and girls of the Primary color their papers and the older ones of the Junior Department

drawing the maps and actually studying the lessons. The children are eager to learn and very apt.

The background of all this work is prayer. In fact, I believe and have found it true, that God does more through our praying than our working. To you, the mother church, I am looking for very much prayer, that there be no defeat here at the battle's front.

We are working to carry out Christ's plan, that men and women may be saved. One woman I visited has two sons in the war, her heart was touched at the mention of her hero boys and of the good she could do them, when she became a Christian. She repented, said she had always prayed, so we knelt down. I prayed and then asked her to pray, she said, "O, I can't." So I gave a sentence at a time and she between sobs repeated it after me. She said she received Christ, but was not willing to confess Christ and for all I could say, could not be dissuaded. I am still praying for that woman and won't you intercede for her and for our work here.

Very truly,

ANNA C. PARR.

GLORIA DEI CHAPEL, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Another year of mission work is closed and we take a look backward to April first, 1917. During this year there has been so much for which to be thankful that it seems we might profitably, for a little while, consign our discouragements to a secondary place.

Sears Mission has grown wonderfully during the last year, the present church work having been continued without interruption. At first we held meetings in the old school house but later we used our new chapel.

This building is of frame stucco construction, thirty by fifty feet, with a tower entrance at the north side. The basement is twelve feet in height, and equipped with all modern conveniences for religious and social life and also for community service. The Sabbath School room and Auditorium are combined in one large room on the main floor. This very commodious building erected by the Board of Church Extension was formally set apart for worship November 18, 1917.

At the close of a series of two weeks' evangelistic meetings conducted by Dr. J. W. Harsha, Synodical S. M., an organization was effected with fifty new members. The oldest new member of this organization is eighty-four years of age.

At our first communion service, December the second, the sacrament of baptism was administered to eighteen adults and four children. On February third we changed our Sabbath School study period from afternoon to morning with a gain rather than a loss. We have now an enrollment of one hundred and thirty in our Sabbath School with an average attendance of sixty-two and a total offering of $74.29.

Preaching services have been maintained twice each Sabbath. There is a flourishing Young People's Society, a Junior Society, a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society and a weekly prayer meeting of an average attendance of fifteen who are doing a good work. The Ladies' Society also has about fifteen at their meetings, and they have raised $170.48 for their work. Twenty-five is the average attendance of the Juniors who have raised $7.40. The average attendance of the Young People's Christian Union is thirty with an offering of $50, while the average attendance at

church for four months has been fifty with an offering of $173.15.

In preparation for our second communion service, Dr. Harsha conducted a series of gospel meetings for one week at which time five persons confessed Christ and joined the church. The sacrament of baptism was administered to two adults and five children. We are now the Third United Presbyterian Church of Rock Island, having raised almost $700 to help furnish and equip the new chapel.

During the year I have made 2779 calls, a large number of which have been followed by reading of the Word and prayer for God's blessing on the work and the worker in this field. Religious work is much needed in this new and growing district of the city and there is the great opportunity and the open door through which we may enter with the gospel message and win many souls for Christ.

I am glad to say that the people of Sears Mission are really grateful to the Board of Church Extension, the Home Mission Board, and the Women's Board for the beautiful chapel now in their midst. We are full of hope for good results that will redound to the glory of God. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH MCMILLAN,
Missionary.

ALAMO HEIGHTS, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

In looking over the past year, I am very grateful to God for what has been accomplished. Much hard work has been done, many hours spent in earnest prayer and many in a variety of activities for the Master's Kingdom. Some have asked what our greatest difficulties are. We believe the thing which hinders the cause of Christ here are coldness, indifference, worldliness, selfishness and ignorance of God's word. Time of trouble, sickness and death are God's open door for the missionary. We must win their confidence before we can win them for Christ. It is not always an easy task. We need your prayers. This is one of the ways by which every woman in every society in our church can assist in a marvelous way. Remember the missionary in the field, that she is the Lord's embassador not to the children alone, but to the mothers and fathers to tell them the blessed truth that Jesus came to save. And that they may be saved and will be if they trust Him.

The work is not for the building of a few more churches but to build the Lord's temple of which He is the chief corner stone. So those of us who have heard the call and responded are workers together with Him and when we win a soul we have done something in the building of that temple. And you who have supported us by your gifts and with your prayers have your part in which He Who does not forget our labor of love will not overlook.

Miss Kate Hill has been with us in our Presbyterial meeting and visited each of our congregations. I cannot begin to tell you the blessing and inspiration she left with us. We have reason to be thankful for the year's work that has just past. We have our church building and a manse. What we need now is a pastor and we are anxiously waiting for the right man.

EDITH WARNOCK,
Missionary.

BROOKDALE MISSION, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Just how much to include and what to omit in an annual report to make it sound somewhat original, without that sameness which must belong to such things, is sometimes quite a proposition except one is changing her parish each year. The Brookdale people may blame it on the Kaiser that they are still without a pastor, and obliged to depend upon the help of a city missionary. However we have had good preaching every Sabbath supplied the first four months of the year through the kindness of the Y. M. C. A. Since August, Prof. W. L. Porter, of Tarkio, Mo., has beeen coming every week, preaching two good sermons on Sabbath and helping out very materially along other lines.

The first church disbanded last fall, and most of its best workers have come into the mission, thus greatly strengthening us by furnishing faithful efficient workers. The congregation was organized in October and we now have fifty-three active members. The average attendance in the Sabbath School the first quarter of the church year was 57, and the average weekly offering $2.39, which average in attendance has grown to 69, and offering $4.25 for the first quarter of 1918, while March had an average attendance of 85. This increase was partly due to the prospect of an earnest, energetic young pastor.

The "Vigilant" Bible Class (women's) was organized in February and has maintained three weekly Bible study and prayer groups in the community. The Christian Endeavor is doing good work. The hope of the future here, as everywhere, is dependent upon the training of the children and young people. The missionary has made over 1800 calls in person besides many hundreds over the phone in the interest of the work and has never been more cordially received by any people.

More than $130 was contributed to missions during the year and $20 to other benevolences. The attendance and interest in the church service is growing; the outlook in general encouraging, and we feel that God is answering prayer and "has done great things for us where of we are glad."

MARY A. WORKMAN,
Missionary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF IDAHO.

The city missionary for the Presbytery of Idaho began work the 23rd day of November, 1917. The need, in Boise especially, for someone to spend full time helping to reach the unchurched seemed so urgent that the members of the Presbytery, by the request of Rev. Cunningham, made application for the aid of such a worker. This request the Women's Board kindly granted with the plan that nine months' time be spent in Boise, and one month each in Nampa, Weiser and Ontario.

During the four months I have been at work, one month has been spent at Nampa and the remainder of the time in Boise, leaving the other two places to be visited later in the year at the convenience of the churches. The time given in Nampa was employed in a house to house canvass locating the people that the Nampa congregation can interest in time.

Boise, being the largest field comes in for the largest share of work. The closing of a small neighboring church gave us an enlarged opportunity.

Have made 746 calls and have on the whole been very kindly received. The

growth of the Sabbath School and the interest taken by the children has been very encouraging. The members of the church are all so friendly and interested in all newcomers that they help to hold them when we one persuade new ones to attend any of our services. The church is exceptionally fortunate in its pastor, Sabbath School superintendent and corps of teachers.

We have found one family who moved to the city from the hills, who didn't know the meaning of Sabbath or what a Sabbath School was, and others who were not much more enlightened, but have become fairly regular attendants at Sabbath School.

We found a number of families who were only in the city for the winter, but persuaded them to attend while here. Some of these will go to their new homes so interested in what they have learned about the religion of Jesus Christ that we are sure that this winter's work will enlarge the circle of influence for our little church. And we are so thankful for this opportunity of interesting some so much that they will try to find a place of worship in their new homes and not settle down again to a humdrum life without either a Sabbath School or church.

Even with so many families moving out of town, we still have an enrollment in Sabbath School of 100 without counting the officers and teachers. We feel as though through the blessing of God we are prepared to start in on the new church year thoroughly organized and prepared for even more thorough work in presenting the claims of Christ than we have in the past, and we are praying and hoping for great things in these coming months.

The field here is one of large opportunity and our hearts are full of gratitude to our Father for His abundant blessing which He has bestowed on our humble efforts in the past. We pray for His favor in the days to come that we may be used in winning souls for Christ.

FLORA B. TORRENCE,
Missionary.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

I hereby submit a report of six months work in this city. It was a great pleasure to resume work under the Women's Board in the interest of Oakland congregation for a few months. Work began in the new field with a house to house canvass July, 1917.

The location selected by the church committee is desirable, in a thickly settled community, bordering Berkeley. Real enthusiasm was in the air on August 12th, the day we opened Sabbath School in the lecture room of the unfinished new church building on College Avenue. Seventy-five were present. Increasing gradually in numbers we developed into a thoroughly organized school using departmental graded lessons in the elementary grades and International uniform lessons in the secondary school.

Our highest mark, 128, was reached on November 4th when the attractive new church was dedicated, and the hopes and prayerful efforts of Dr. James F. Ross and his faithful people were realized. Your missionary was appointed Superintendent and was privileged to attend all sessions during her six months of service. The problem of securing teachers was no less easy here than in other fields. The Christmas entertainment consisted of the Manger Story given in pageant, concluding with songs, music, etc. A "White Gift"

offering of $52 was given to the suffering children of Armenia and Syria. In offerings this school has an average of five cents per member. We closed the work with an enrollment of 115. Average attendance 102.

In making 1556 calls experiences were naturally many and varied. Especially impressive is the fact of a large number seemingly self-satisfied and indifferent to things spiritual. Many entirely severed their church relations since coming West, too weak perhaps to withstand the lure of California sunshine and its beautiful hills plus automobiles.

While some have responded to the invitation generously given, we trust that the Harvest Giver is caring for the seed that was prayerfully sown and in due time cause it to bud, bringing in fruit many fold.

Faithfully yours,
THERESSA LIPPERT.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.

My work in our new field at Fresno began under the direction of the Women's Board the first of May when I came here to make preparations for the opening of the new building.

With $2000 from the Church Board and donations of both money and labor from men of the various congregations in the vicinity of Fresno, a lot was purchased and a temporary building erected by the first Sabbath in June when we held the opening services.

The heated season also began in June. Vacation time in this hot valley sends every one who can possibly get away, to the coast. All the churches unite in a Park service for the evening services and some close altogether. We were obliged to hold our services in the afternoon as the preaching was donated by the various ministers in the valley. Sometimes it was very hot. We thought of Egypt. I often wondered that the children came at all. With it all we kept up the Sabbath School and preaching service with interest though the attendance was small.

Cool weather, opening of the Public Schools and plans for the Christmas Service increased the attendance. A very interesting and successful Mid-Week service has been carried on since October. A Women's Missionary Society was organized in March with ten members. A Girls' Missionary Band also has recently been organized. A few faithful ones have been gathered together ready for organization but we think it best to await the coming of a pastor.

Surely the Lord has a work for the United Presbyterian Church to do in this large unchurched community. Will you not often remember us in prayer? Pray also that our leaders may be faithful in their duties; that we may soon have a resident pastor; and that we may be the means of bringing many to Jesus Christ.

The following numerical report will give you a little idea of the strength of the work, but it will in no way tell of the joy of the daily meeting with children and people who can be lead to love the Master.

Average Attendance, Sabbath School	36
Average Attendance at Preaching Services	28
Average Attendance at Prayer Meeting	12
Total Cash Offerings	$194.70
Total Expenses	155.16
Whole Number of Calls	2382

With many good wishes for the coming Convention and the work of the Board, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
IRMA G. ALLEN.

I can most heartily endorse the work of Miss Irma G. Allen in the Fresno Mission.—C. F. Crooks, member of Missionary Committeee, San Francisco Pres.

DEAF MUTES, PORTLAND, OREGON.

The year just closing has been an encouraging one. Three of our deaf people, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Bennick have been admitted into the church. The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, was baptized. Theirs is a beautiful Christian home where the Bible is read regularly and family worship observed. Mrs. Bennick is a dear old lady who united with the Methodist church when quite young, but since attending our church regularly, decided to make ours her church home.

The attendance through the year has been good, and almost every Sabbath some one speaks of the helpful sermons our pastor gives. At the Easter communion service there were twenty deaf people present, fourteen of whom took communion, twelve being members of our church.

One of our members met with an accident more than a year ago and has been confined to his home ever since. Mr. DuBoise and I have visited him very often and so have the deaf members of the church. He loves to have them tell of the church service and finds great comfort in reading the Bible.

Many occupations are open to the deaf and some of them have become skillful mechanics. When the floor of our Sabbath School room needed repairing, our deaf carpenters gladly offered their services and repaired it in the evenings after their day's work was done. Most of our married people have children and they can all hear and speak. Some of them are members of our Sabbath School.

Very respectfully yours,

FLORENCE E. METCALF,
Interpreter.

Of our ten workers among the Mountain People, twelve City Missionaries, and six workers among the Aliens, the salaries of five are pledged. Allegheny Presbyterial pays the salary of the worker in the Croatian Mission. Monongahela Presbyterial, the salary of Miss Elenor Ribet in the Brushton Italian Mission. Argyle Presbyterial, the salary of Miss Bertha Houston, of our Frenchburg faculty. The Young Women, the salary of Miss Margaret Rogers, also of Frenchburg faculty. Chartiers Presbyterial has pledged the salary of Miss Romain Russell, who is appointed to work among the Aliens at Hickory, Pa. Philadelphia Presbyterial pays part of the salary of Dr. Esther Mitchell, of Frenchburg, Ky. Making five full salaries and one part salary for a total of twenty-eight workers. Are there not other Presbyterials that will assume the salary of a Home missionary?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

Balance April 15, 1917	$8490.21
Receipts April 15, 1917 to April 15, 1918	24413.59
Total Disbursements	24870.36
Balance April 15, 1918	8033.44

Please notice that the disbursements were $456.77 more than the receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. S. COOK.

REPORT OF

INDIAN SECRETARY.

EACH YEAR as it passes, carries along with it the tale of each day's happenings, bearing the impress of the great guiding hand of heavenly love.

It is with real gratitude and thanks to God for His loving guidance and bountiful mercy. In spite of the war, with its diversities of interest and activities we are able to report progress and increased interest in our work; and yet there are many of our societies who do not have any part in the support of our Indian Work.

Last year our Women's Societies contributed $2291, this year $2802, a gain of $511; the Young Women contributed last year $261, this year 285, a gain of $24; and the Junior last year gave $91 and this year the Juniors and Little Light Bearers together contributed $62 or $29 less than the previous year. It requires at least $5000 to carry on our work. Upon whom does this obligation rest? Oh, what can I say to the delegates here to awaken an interest in the Red Man?

Since my last annual report it was my privilege, with Mrs. Maxwell, to visit our Indian Missions. As we listened to the testimony of Henry Stwyer, Blind Beachkin and others and to see how anxious they are that others may be led to accept Jesus as their Saviour our hearts were stirred within us as we saw what a wonderful change had taken hold of these lives. Take this testimony of one of our elders at Warm Spring. "The word of God is preached the world over. Where the word of God is kept, there the people will prosper. Come inside this fence or wall. You do not know when your time will come, when you will find yourself face to face with death and you will not be ready. Friends, come to Jesus where you will find peace to your soul. None of you, my brethren, have such a very great sin that you are ashamed of, but that evil spirit in you is keeping you away from the Word of God. I want to tell you again that you will never be sorry that you took Jesus as your Saviour. The world offers you nothing but wickedness, sorrow, at last death. The reward of God is sure, for the Bible has said it. While you have breath spared to you come out and hold to the Word of God. You are leading your own life away from God Who made you. His goodness is to you. Never fear, He will not forget you. Our friends have left their homes to bring the Word of God to you. Why do you stay and hold to your own way of thinking? Come and receive the Word of God."

This is work which must be done. Obligation rather than opportunity constitutes the church's call to "evangelize" the Indian in the fullest meaning of the word, and until we respond to this call of need we cannot claim for our other efforts at home and abroad the fullest measure of His blessing.

Mr. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, embodies this frank tribute in his report, "I wish to express earnest appreciation for the co-operation and helpful assistance rendered by the missionaries at large and in the fields. While ardent in the propagation of their respective religions or denominations, they have, almost without exception, been generous rather than critical of myself or of those representing religious

ideas other than their own. Their accomplishments have been constructive and effective not only in the advancement of the Indian spiritually, but industrially, morally and otherwise."

The Indian has surprised the nation with his loyalty and his patriotic response to the call to arms. At first some of the primitive reservation dwellers obtained a newspaper notoriety by resisting conscription and refusing to participate in a war of which they knew nothing. These were principally isolated, uneducated Indians, who do not speak English and know nothing of the great world beyond their reservation confines. However, the Indian volunteers have taken their places with the other troops and on the same plane and footing.

The total subscriptions to the Liberty Loan throughout the country by the Indians amounted to $4,607,850. We hope at the close of the war, conditions of the Indians will be greatly improved. A grateful government and people will not then withhold from them their rights as free men under the Constitution.

If there ever was a time when we should redouble our efforts in soul winning it is now. The world in turmoil and unrest—war raging on land and sea—our young men called to battle-fields, many of them never to return. These conditions bring us to a new sense of our responsibility and to a greater service in behalf of our native American race.

Listen to the pathetic words of the Indian poetess, E. Pauling Johnson, in the "White Wampum."

They but forget we Indians owned the land
From ocean to ocean; that they stand
Upon a soil that centuries agone
Was our soul kingdom and our right alone.
They never think how they would feel today
If some great nation came from far away
Wresting their country from their hapless braves,
Giving what they gave us,—but war and graves.

Indian Missions.

Balance April 15, 1917 ..... $1930.10

April 15, 1917, to April 15, 1918.

RECEIPTS:

By Presbyterials	$3003.00
By Refunds	229.84
By Congregations, Etc.	150.35
By Thank-Offering	3000.00
Total	$6383.19
Disbursements	$4890.25
Balance April 15, 1918	$3423.04

MRS. J. B. HILL,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAMA INDIAN MISSION.

There have been several interesting things happened on the Reservation during the last year.

1. James Mamasa, one of the council, was baptized.

2. When Bi-bi-am-squie was sick we were asked to pray for her and twice we took some of our friends with us and held a prayer meeting for her. This happened in one of the most conservative homes on the Reservation. We count it as one of our victories.

There seems to be a breaking down of the old heathen religion and more of an interest shown in Christianity.

We are able to talk with the most conservative about their personal salvation without receiving any discourtesy. Every child of school age has had Bible lessons.

We have baptized 6. Married 6 couples. Buried 1 at Sanatorium. In our 3 Reservation Sabbath School, 36. In our Sanatorium Sabbath School, 23. In our Junior meetings 34. Amount of Liberty Bonds $800. To Red Cross and

Y. M. C. A. $25. Amount of Liberty Bonds outside of our members $5500.

We want to thank our friends for their liberal donations to our Christmas dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SMITH.

Financial Report for the Year Ending April 1, 1918.

RECEIPTS:

For Wagon	$ 65.00
Personal Donations	72.00
Total,	$137.00

EXPENDITURES:

For New Wagon	$ 40.00
Repairs on Horns	15.00
New E flat Alto Horn	15.00
Christmas Dinner	50.00
Hired Help	5.00
Express charges on horns	4.00
Stamps and Stationery	7.50
Hardware for Christmas	5.00
Total	$141.50

WARM SPRING, OREGON.

In submitting the fourth annual report of our administrations among the three tribes of Indians at Warm Spring, a few facts are presented which, we trust will serve to increase the interest in a strange people.

Apparent progress has been made along certain lines, but false teaching and the nomadic life of many of our Indians, still prove to be a hindrance. Last year the crops were almost a failure and quite a number were compelled to live for months, fifty and sixty miles from the Agency and their homes in order to make a living. This fact greatly affected the attendance at the afternoon church services, and our endeavors to give our people and others the gospel.

A white man about 40 years of age was received on profession of faith and he has manifested considerable interest in religious matters. A young Indian about 20 years of age a few months ago accepted Christ as his Savior and would have been received on profession of faith but he immediately left for another reservation and is in great danger of slipping away.

In two recent public meetings 15 persons asked for the prayers of God's people and we are hopeful that a number of these will soon make a decision to be followers of Christ. In the providence of God it is evident that some are seriously thinking these days on account of so much sickness and the many deaths in our midst.

During February and March ten passed away, among whom was Charles Pitt, our efficient and faithful interpreter for over 40 years; he was sick but a few days; he certainly will be missed. Our great concern now is to secure one to take his place.

It is felt that this past year is the best in our experience of imparting Bible instruction among the young people, namely, in memorizing, the study of separate books, getting a bird's-eye-view, learning the contents of chapters, etc.

Additional interest has been created by the use of stereopticon picture slides giving a connected study of Bible characters and incidents in each one's history. A letter recently received from one of our girls attending another Indian school is very encouraging as to the value of such instruction given at Warm Spring in the three previous years.

The inquiry is sometimes made, "Do your Indians make good faithful church members, though?" We feel like replying as a Presbyterian missionary among the Pima Indians in Arizona, always does, "About as good on the whole, as

white folks do; some excellent, some middling, and some poor;" whereupon my interloctor usually looks thoughtful and says, "Oh!"

Some of the members of the Shakers and other false teaching continue to attend our church services and we feel yet that they will be led back to the fold of Christ.

Many donations still are made to our Warm Spring work and more money has been received from personal friends and Sabbath School classes than formerly.

We are also cheered with the many letters of inquiry respecting the Indians and our field.

We had a delightful visit from our Indian Secretary, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Maxwell. We always welcome heartily any of the members of the Board who are sent to our Mission.

926 calls have been made during the year, 939 hours have been spent in so doing. 246 calls have been made since the first of February requiring 261 hours. During the past two months and four days 144 calls are reported on account of sickness and funerals.

We report 112 on the roll of the Sabbath School. Average attendance 91. Offerings $27.98.

$258.00 have been contributed to all beneveloent purposes during the year, including gifts to the Red Cross, Beligans and Armenians. Also the pastor collected from the government employees and others over $100 as a result of the war needs. We believe progress is made in the grace of giving. Of the $50 received from the Women's Board for supplies for the needy Indians, $47.05 have been disbursed, leaving a balance of $2.95.

Donations for Warm Spring, Oregon, for the Year Ending March 31, 1918.

1. One year's subscription for the Youths' Companion, Mrs. J. E. Blair, Albany, Ore.

2. A barrel of dried fruit and two boxes of clothing, Fowler, Cal., congregation and Sabbath School.

3. Barrel of valuable clothing. W. M. S., North Yakima, Wash.

4. 13 dressing sacques and children's dresses and 10 yards of outing flannel, etc. The Mary Stevenson W. M. S., Shadyside U. P. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

5. 75 Christmas stockings for candy and nice scrap books, Doris Porter Hulick, Ainsworth, Iowa.

6. Large box of clothing, W. M. S., Pullman, Wash.

7. Pictures and postcards, Mrs. Sarah Baltimore, Albany, Ore.

8. Beautiful scrap books, Miss Annie Fort, Stronghurst, Ill.

9. Box of quilt pieces, Miss Etta Mackey, Wooster, Ohio.

10. Large box pillow slips, table cloth, 100 spit cloths, scrap books, pictures, toys, etc., Willing Workers, Sterling, Kans.

11. Large Bible story books, Bethany Home, Pittsburgh, Pa.

12. Quilt pieces, Mrs. C. E. Hanna, Monmouth, Cal.

13. Two comforts and box of clothing, W. M. S., Franklinville, N. Y.

14. Quantity of postcards, Primary Department, Wilmerding, Pa.

15. One dozen nice baby kimonos, Juniors, Monmouth, Cal.

16. Large box quilt pieces, Mrs. R. L. Hay, Tacoma, Wash.

17. Gunny sack full of quilt pieces, W. M. S., Keota, Iowa.

18. Silk bags and quilt pieces, Mrs. Kate Acheson, Ainsworth, Iowa.

20. Box quilt pieces, Bible Class, Third U. P. Church, Spokane, Wash.

21. 50 John's Gospels, Bible House Los Angeles, Cal.

22. $5.91 from "Up Streamers" Sabbath School Class, Albany, Ore., for picture slides.

23. $2.00 from Mr. and Mrs. S. McCaw, Superior, Neb., for picture slides.

24. $4.00 from Mrs. Hanna's Infant Class, Shadyside, Pittsburgh, Pa., for picture slides.

25. $10.00 from Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Neely, Roseville, Cal., for Bible Story Picture Books.

26. $5.00 from Miss Ada Barber, Plaingrove, Pa., for Bible Picture Books.

27. $5.00 from W. M. S., Plaingrove, Pa., for Christmas.

28. $25.00 from Richard Kirkpatrick, Witchita, Kan., for 100 copies of Young People's Psalter.

20. $5.00 from Mrs. Cora Zimmerman, The Dalles, Ore., for Christmas.

30. $5.00 from Jennie E. Jackson, Spokane, Wash., for pictures.

31. $50.00 from Women's Board for supplies for needy Indians.

32. $20.00 from Richard Kirkpatrick, Wichita, Kans., for any purpose.

Your fellow-worker,

H. T. JACKSON.

SIMNASHO, OREGON.

We feel as we are called upon to submit another annual report how little after all the report will convey to you and to those who read it of what the year has been to us. How little you will know after all of its sunshine or its shadow; of its disappointments or its encouragements; of its joys or its sorrows; all of which have crowded in upon our lives throughout the year as we have sought to the best of our poor ability to do the Lord's will among these poor people to whom He has led us. And we want you to know that we are not "weary" and that as we begin another year's work we do so remembering that He has promised that "in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

In many respects the year has been the most eventful of any we have spent among these people. Very early in the year the missionary was under the ban because of his connection with the dismissal of an Indian policeman. This greatly reduced our attendance at Sabbath services for four or five Sabbaths. It's a satisfaction to be able to say that this very same man attends services at the present time very regularly and has since that time acted as interpreter on several occasions when the regular interpreter has not been able to be present.

The fact that young men of the required age were called upon to register in connection with the draft for army service greatly disturbed our people. It was the beginning of many tribal councils held during the summer. When some of these were later called for medical examination the feeling of alarm was greatly intensified. It's very easy for us to brand these people as disloyal, unworthy, etc., but we forget their lack of understanding of these things. It was pitiable to see the dread some of the older ones had for the whole thing. There has been very little in the lives of these people to warm up their hearts towards those who have control of the affairs of the land of their birth; very little to produce a feeling of loyalty or devotion. We tell them that our armies are fighting for liberty; fighting that liberty may not be banished from the earth. And whatever may be said for or against the

argument they reason that we have deprived *them* of *their* liberty and now we call upon them to aid us in maintaining for ourselves the thing we have deprived them of. All this does not tend to increase the Indian's confidence in the white man.

During the past year our Indians had little success with their farming. The hot dry summer was disastrous to crops. The result was that great numbers of our people were away from mid-summer till very late in the fall working at whatever they could find to do. Several families have been away all winter. The scarcity of help has created a greater demand for the services of the Indian and since he cannot produce enough for the maintenance of his family at home we must expect him to be away more.

Because of these things our average attendance at services for the year was 27 as against 42 last year and 31 the year before.

During the year the death angel has been in our midst ten times. One very old lady, the wife of a former chief; one young man; one school girl; and seven little children were called.

During the year we have made 783 visits in the homes of the Indians (besides the visits in the homes of the white employees and visits in the school). This has taken a good deal of time and required a good deal of riding and driving.

We had the usual Christmas tree and the usual good time though a somewhat smaller crowd. However, we believe that everybody who was at home and able to come were present. We want those who sent us toys, etc., to know that they made possible this pleasant event for our poor people.

We have had our regular services every Sabbath during the year but one. We have held thirty-minute services four mornings a week with the school children. These latter have been broken into at times because of other things but to no great extent. Every Friday evening since the new year we have had an evening of Bible study and prayer. Thus far only ourselves and the white employees have attended. We will be glad to extend it if the opportunity offers itself.

We remember with pleasure the visit of Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Maxwell of the Women's Board during the month of May. It means much to the missionaries to know that those in authority over them have seen something of the conditions under which they labor. A better understanding of the problems come from these near-at-hand observations.

Mrs. J. C. Alter, Field Secretary, visited the Mission during the month of October. She delivered three lectures accompanied by pictures showing something of the activities undertaken by the Board. The lectures and pictures were enjoyed by the Indians, the government employees and ourselves. We also greatly enjoyed Mrs. Alter's presence in our home for the few days she was able to be with us.

We believe that at the present time there is a better spirit among our Indians than at any time since we have been here. We do not mean a better spirit towards ourselves but toward Jesus Christ and toward His church. This has been becoming more evident for the past five or six months. During the Christmas "he-he," thirty of the Indians left the camp and walked through the mud a distance of about two miles to attend the Sabbath services. The custom heretofore has been to suspend ser-

vices upon that one Sabbath because the Indians showed no disposition to leave camp. We had a splendid meeting. An old Indian not a member of the church led in a prayer. Many gave very splendid testimonies. Since that time we have had many excellent testimonies from very unexpected quarters sometimes. One Sabbath one of the men made a very clear-cut confession of Jesus Christ. Another Sabbath he left a little daughter very sick with pneumonia to come to church. After service he told how he had left his child to come to God's house because he knew he would hear God's Word there and he believed it would bring comfort to his heart. As late as two weeks ago after listening to a sermon on the text, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power, etc.," this man said he was like Paul, because he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. It is only within the last three months that this man ever stood up in a service of mine to say a word.

It would not seem proper to us were we to close this report without expressing our deep regret at the passing away of Mrs. Yourd, the President of the Board. Less than two years ago Mrs. Yourd spent a few days with us in our home. During the Christmas season we had a very beautiful Christmas greeting and an extremely warm word of encouragement from her. We feel that we as well as the people among whom we labor have lost a deeply interested friend.

We are adding the names of those who have so generously remembered the needs of our needy people during the past year.

1. From the Philathea Club of the Third U. P. Church, Spokane, Wash., 15 little gingham dresses for little folks.

2. From the Women's Missionary and Aid Society, Franklinville, N. Y., 2 fine quilts and clothing.

3. From the W. M. S., Wooster, Ohio, 2 packages of quilt pieces.

4. From Mrs. Kate Croft's class of Sabbath School girls, Shedd, Oregon, 4 large boxes of clothing, nuts, rice, beans, tea, etc.

5. From Mrs. J. F. Hanna, Riverside, Cal., 1 barrel of clothing, quilts, toys for Christmas.

6. From the W. M. S. of the First U. P. Church, Johnstown, Pa., cash $5.00.

7. From the Young Women's Missionary Society, Second U. P. Church, New Concord, Ohio., package of picture books and cards.

8. From Miss Clara Landt, 1775 Wilson Ave., Chicago, Ill., box of ribbons and handkerchiefs for our girls for Christmas.

9. From Anna M. Wilson, Long Beach, Cal., fine comfort and booklets.

10. From Hamilton's Stores, Albany, Oregon, 2 boxes shoes, clothing, toys, etc.

11. From Women's M. and B. S. of Fourth U. P. Church, Pittsburgh, N. S., Pa., to apply on the purchase price of a new stove for the chapel, cash $5.00.

12. From the W. M. S. of Olympic Court Church, Seattle, Wash., to apply on the purchase price of a new stove for chapel, cash $2.00.

13. From W. M. S. of the Jefferson U. P. Church, Baxter, Pa., 1 quilt.

14. From the W. M. S. of the Jefferson U. P. Church, Baxter, Pa., 1 quilt (the second one from this society).

15. From Mrs. William Mau, of Portland, Ore., cash $5.00.

16. From the Women's Board, cash $50.00.

We want to again thank all the above. If we have inadvertently omitted the

name of any one who has contributed we would appreciate a card calling our attention to the matter. May we not ask for the prayers of all who read this for ourselves and for our people and for the success of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MATTHEWS.

REPORT OF

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1918.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the most terrible war known in history has been raging in Europe, and that our own country has united with the Allies for the defence of humanity and freedom, the work of the W. G. M. S. has, with the blessing of God upon its feeble efforts, gone forward. Surely we have reason to thank God and take courage.

One of our young women has changed her name and has had it transferred from our list to the list of those supported by the Board of Foreign Missions, Miss Jeannette Hopkins having married Prof. Charles Stewart in midsummer, 1917. We wish the young couple every possible blessing as they establish a new Christian home in India.

Our mission in India sustained a very severe loss in the death of Mrs. T. E. Holliday, who died after an operation on the 28th of December, 1917. Her faith and trust were undimmed as she faced the probability of going to her heavenly home. Our sympathies go out to her sorrowing husband and four motherless daughters.

The number of missionaries supported is the same as last year, viz., 86.

The new missionaries who sailed in the Autumn of 1917, were Miss Sara Moore to India, and the Misses Beulah Chalmers and Mary L. Thompson to Egypt.

Returning after furlough to India were the Misses Laura B. Hamilton, Elizabeth McCahon and Henrietta Moore. To Egypt, the Misses Ida L. Cabeen, Helen J. Ferrier, Elsie French, Ethel Roxy Martin and Mrs. T. J. Finney. To the Sudan, Miss Elsie Grove, making a missionary party of twelve. We are thankful to report that all reached their destination in safety, although it took some of them nearly three months to arrive.

During the year several meetings of the Convocation Committee, which had for its object the praying for and devising means to secure additional missionary recruits, in response to the call for "407" received several years ago from our missionary associations, were held. God has heard our prayers and has sent nine young women who have enlisted in the King's service in foreign lands, in spite of "war's alarms" and the long tedious journey via the Pacific to their several fields.

To our great joy three of the young women are children of missionary parents who know all about the trials and the hardships of a missionary's life and notwithstanding were eager to devote

their lives to the same honorable service. The names are as follows:

INDIA:

Miss Eleanore K. Holliday, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Holliday.

Miss Elizabeth M. Caldwell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Caldwell.

Miss Helen D. Anderson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Anderson.

Miss Margaret A. Anderson, niece of Emma Dean Anderson.

Miss Lois Boyd.

Miss Eunice Elvira Parr.

EGYPT

Miss Dora Mason, sister of Miss Olive Mason.

Miss Sara Margaret Adair, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Adair.

SUDAN

Miss Kathryn MacKenzie.

Miss Una Coie.

Our responsibilities have not changed since our last report, viz.:

INDIA

Forty-seven women missionaries.

Twenty-five Bible women.

Memorial Hospital, Sialkot.

Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum.

White Memorial Hospital, Pasrur.

Dispensaries at Sialkot, Jhelum, Khala, Bhera and Pasrur.

Girls' Boarding School, Sialkot.

Girls' Day School, Sialkot.

Dispensary at Pathankot.

Girls' Boarding and Day School, Sangla Hill.

Home for Dispensary Workers, Bhera.

Home for Lady Missionaries at Sialkot, Lyallpur, Sangla Hill.

Elizabeth Gordon Home, Sialkot.

Estimates granted year ending July, 1919, $45,082.00.

EGYPT

Thirty-six women missionaries.

Fifty Bible women.

Martha McKeown Hospital, Tanta.

Dispensaries at Tanta and Benha.

Girls' Boarding and Day Schools at Alexandria, Tanta and Luxor.

Girls' Day Schools at Karmous, Kafr el Ashri, Beni Suef, Fayoum, Monsurah and Zagazig.

Mary Herron Rest Home, Ramleh.

In the death of Rev. W. R. Coventry, April 7, 1918, the Egyptian Mission and the W. G. M. S. have sustained a loss which will be hard to fill. The W. G. M. S. feels bereaved because he was the builder of all our new additions to Tanta Hospital and expected to go back to carry out new plans and ideas which he had thought out during his sojourn in America. The Master planned otherwise, and took him to the home which Jesus has prepared and waiting for him. Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to the sorrowing widow and other members of the family of this servant of God. May He Who has taken their loved one give them every needed sustaining grace.

We regret to say that owing to war conditions which makes it impossible to export equipment from this country to Egypt, Tanta Hospital still remains closed. We see no hope for its opening until peace once more reigns.

After much careful consideration the missionary association in Egypt, decided to ask our Board to authorize a change of location for the Girls' Boarding School in Tanta. A very desirable plot of land, just across the Boulevard from Tanta Hospital, comprising about five acres could be bought, it was thought, for $12,500. You will remember that the lot upon which it had been decided to build the School was in the center of the city

and was less than half an acre in extent. As grounds large enough for out-door exercise are very desirable for girls' schools in any land, it was considered wise by our Board to agree to the proposition made by the Mission. The purchase money was taken from the Tanta Girls' Boarding School Fund and sent to Egypt with the authority to sell the present location of the School at as early a date as possible, no doubt being entertained that the full amount of the purchase price could be obtained therefor. Things move slowly in Oriental lands so that up to the date of this writing we do not know whether the deed for the new property has yet been secured.

The balance now in hand for the erection of the building of a school in Tanta is $42,820.55. To this amount will be added, of course, the sum realized by the sale of the old location. Heretofore this money has been specially deposited at 4% interest, compounded semi-annually and interest added to the fund, but in order to manifest our patriotism and at the same time secure the safety of the fund, $25,000 Liberty Bonds of the third issue has been purchased since the treasurer's books closed. For the year just closing interest amounted to $2,107.35.

Estimates granted for year ending July 1, 1919, $40,614.00.

SUDAN

Three women missionaries.

One Bible woman (half her salary paid by W. M. S. of Tennessee).

Girls' Boarding and Day School, Khartum North.

William Little Day School for girls at Wady Halfa.

During the year Miss Dight was transferred from the Girls' School, Khartum North, to Dr. Giffen's Industrial Home, and the Rev. Mr. Sowash and family were transferred to the school to assist Miss McKeown until the arrival of Miss Grove from furlough. As the last named was late in arriving on the field it was thought best to make no further changes until school closed this spring.

With the addition of two new missionaries-elect, Misses MacKenzie and Cole, it is hoped that the G. B. S. will be fully equipped with workers so that no married missionary need be inconvenienced hereafter.

Estimates granted for the year ending June 1, 1919, $9,825.00.

The lack of funds and the dread of debt prevented the granting of very much increased estimates.

The following named persons are expecting to return after furlough to their respective fields this autumn:

INDIA

Miss Roma Beatty.

Miss Lois Buchanan.

Dr. Maria White.

Dr. J. P. Simpson.

Miss Eleanor Maconachie feels that she must go to visit her own people in Ireland before returning to India so that we do not expect her to return for another year. She is hoping to sail sometime in June as she has promised the British Consul to engage in Red Cross work in Great Britain.

Miss Mary J. Campbell has accepted an appointment as organizer in India for the World's Christian Temperance Union for a term of three years. Her request that our Board continue her name on its list of missionaries just leaving her to the above named [illegible] for the time mentioned, was granted.

Egypt

Miss Carrie Buchanan and Miss Roe O. Williams having been restored to health expect to go out in the autumn accompanied by Miss Margaret Bell and Miss Sadie Thompson.

The prayers of our people are earnestly entreated that all these young women may go out in the power of the Spirit and be mighty instruments in His hands for the up-building of the Kingdom.

India Equipment Fund

Total amount for this fund received by our treasurer to date, $21,477.38. Included in this amount $1,272.35 is of accrued interest.

Last year the India Mission requested that $3,500 of this fund should be sent for the erection of a Ladies' House at Rawalpindi. This year the request came for all the money which was designated for the Kate Corbett Memorial, amounting to $1,295. This was to be used for the purchase of land upon which it is hoped sometime in the future to erect a Girls' Boarding School. Of course, this building cannot be commenced until the money required is in hand.

We have expended for salaries during the year, $42,384.09. For estimates, outfits, buildings, support of institutions, specials and traveling expenses, total $77,302.41.

We gratefully report that the year closed with all obligations met, enough of a balance in salary account to pay salaries maturing during vacation period, and $1,395.05 in Foreign Department account.

The attention of all interested is called to the fact that the changes in salaries and outfit money adopted by our Convention in Sterling, Kansas, went into effect April 15, 1918, and are as follows:

All outfit allowances	$150
Annual salaries for women physicians	750
Annual salaries for all other women missionaries	600
All furlough salaries, monthly	45

All furlough salaries to begin when regular salary ceases.

All regular salaries to being when furlough salary ceases.

Maximum furlough period sixteen months.

Attention is called to the fact that interest on all special deposits is added to the respective funds and *used only* for objects designated.

Total estimates granted for ensuing year, $95,521.00.

Please notice that the above estimates do not include salaries or outfit money for new missionaries or the traveling expenses for a party of at least twenty who expect to sail this Autumn.

We very gratefully report that Miss Grace E. Smith has assumed the salary of Miss Helen D. Anderson and a large part of her traveling expenses; that the congregation of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia has assumed the salary of Miss Kathryn McKenzie who is a member of this church. Three members of session of the Third Church, Pittsburgh, have assumed the salary of Miss Eleanore K. Holliday. For twenty-nine years the above named congregation has had the honor of supporting Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Holliday in India. Now that the mother has been taken from labor to reward it is a beautiful thing to note that the name of the daughter will appear on their missionary list. It is interesting to note, in passing, that as far as known the Third Church, Pittsburgh, is the first congregation in our denomination to assume the responsibility of the entire salary of a missionary.

Full reports have been received fr

Egypt and India. We deeply regret that nothing as yet has been heard from the Sudan, but hope it may reach us before the copy goes to the July Magazine.

Honor Roll containing the names of all who have pledged full salary and paid their pledges in such fashion that there were no deficits in their accounts when the treasurer closed her books, April 15, 1918:

Names	Number of Salaries Pledged
Allegheny Presbyterial	4
Arkansas Valley and Caledonia Presbyterials	1
Beaver Valley Presbyterial	1
Boston Presbyterial	1
Butler Presbyterial	1
Cedar Rapids Presbyterial	1
Chartiers Presbyterial	3
Chicago Presbyterial	1
Cleveland Presbyterial	1
College Springs Presbyterial	2
Colorado Presbyterial	1
Conemaugh and Brookville Presbyterials	1
Delaware Presbyterial	1
First Ohio Presbyterial	1
Keokuk Presbyterial	1
Los Angeles Presbyterial	1
Mercer Presbyterial	1
Monmouth Presbyterial	1
Monongahela Presbyterial	13½
Muskingum Presbyterial	2
Philadelphia Presbyterial	1
San Francisco Presbyterial	2
Southern Illinois Presbyterial	2
Wheeling Presbyterial	1
Xenia Presbyterial	2
Young Women's Societies	6
Mr. and Mrs F. H. Beatty and Miss Elizabeth Beatty	1
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Denham	1
Mr. George M. Paden	1
Miss Helen T. Brown	1
Miss Anna Milligan	1
Miss Anna Wilson	1
Miss Margaret A. Given	1
Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D.	3
The Kerr Sisters	1
North Bend Congregation, Nebraska	1
Traer Congregation, Iowa	1
Norris Sq. S. S., Philadelphia, Pa.	1
2nd U. P. Congregation, New Wilmington	1

Pledges Paid for Part Salaries.

Albany Presbyterial.
Argyle Presbyterial.
Garnett Presbyterial.
Indiana Presbyterial.
Kansas City Presbyterial.
New Jersey Presbyterial.
Oklahoma Presbyterial.
Steubenville Presbyterial.
Texas Presbyterial.
Messrs. Barnes.
Miss Margaret Bell.
Mrs. T. D. Mellon.

THE YEAR IN INDIA.

Women's Work in Our India Mission.

"Where There is No Vision the People Perish."

You, across the seas, into whose hands this Report Number may fall—how intensely we long that it may bring to you a vision of our India mission field as we see it! A vision of the thousands of mud villages stretching away from those nestled in the Himalayan foothills at Rawalpindi and Pathankot Districts to those breaking the wide expanse of green wheat and waving cane in the fertile canal districts! How we long that this may carry to you a message from the Christian women of these villages, your Punjabi sisters in the faith—poor, simple, ignorant, unbeloved—but one with you in the mighty bond of the one Savior.

And how we pray that reading this, you, too, may envision the multitudes of those others in these villages, and in the zenanas of our great cities—His wandering children who have not found Him yet, but who groping, weary of the forlorn hopelessness of their own faith, yearning for the comfort that only the Comforter Himself can give, are your

year drawing nearer, listening more earnestly, daring to believe further, upon the One greater than prophet or idol, fakir or devil, the One alone Who died to save sinners.

And how we long that you, in the midst of the culture and refinement of your Christian civilization at home, may realize somewhat of the terrible warfare with Satan out here, and his countless devices to tempt these babes in Christ—charms, fakirs, idols, "on every high hill and under every green tree," heathen rites and ceremonies, idolatrous festivals and feasts, all manner of superstitious customs and observances, child marriage, selling of girls—the list seems endless. We want you to know these things and feel their burden. For if you realize how, eliminating all your countless churches, your Sabbath Schools, conferences, Bibles, hospitals, schools, and good books, you, too, might, even as some of them, "bow in the house of Rimmon," surely your prayers will be the more potent for these sorely tempted ones.

And then, we long for you to see, with us, the wonderful opportunities that India spells, for if there are "many adversaries," yet, praise Him, it is also true that the "door is wide open," and the message is being given every hour of every day of every year.

We would, too, that your hearts might sing the paean of hope as do ours when we look at the young girls in our Primary, Middle, and High Girls' Boarding and Day Schools, and those in Christian training elsewhere—surely these young lives impressed for Christ must tell in time and eternity.

And we want you to praise with us for the innumerable "silent missionaries"—Bibles, portions, songs, Bible pictures, and stories—that were sent out into countless homes all through last year.

So, dear friends, we stretch out our hands to you in glad and grateful fellowship. Praise with us. Pray for us. For India's need spells—*your opportunity—your responsibility—your duty*. Have you heard His "inasmuch" for India?

RAWALPINDI DISTRICT.

Miss Mary Lawrence and Mrs. R. R. Stewart.

Miss Lawrence writes: Year by year, as one sits down to review the work of the year in these great non-Christian districts, one feels like writing "no report," as the progress seems so slight. Looking back, however, over the seven years spent in itinerating in these districts, my heart is full of praise and thanksgiving. The first year or two it was almost impossible to say that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world, although we never left a village without at least making that statement. Now, with but one or two exceptions the message is listened to more or less attentively and special friends have been made in many villages. This has only been accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. The first year in one large town, Hazro, the men refused to allow us to enter a single house, but we drove through the streets and sold some gospel portions. We have considered it our "Jericho," and each year have gone around its walls, getting a better opportunity for witnessing, until this year the whole place was open to us and we gave the message to Mohammedans and Hindus alike. The far distant city of Pindi Gheb was visited after three years and only the second time in seven years on account of the great distance. The women were very cordial in asking us into their homes, and the teacher of the Mohammedan Girls' School, not only asked us to talk to his pupils, but

called in the women living near, and guarded the door himself that no men might disturb us. Many portions of the Scriptures were sold.

A day in the villages was ended earlier than usual, then why so utterly weary and exhausted? To be sure there was a mile or more of walking through heavy sands, but that could not be the reason for we walked through sands many times. In the village then? Yes, they had not heard the message. "Take your Jesus away from here, we want none of him. Repeat Mohammed is the prophet of God, and then we will let you say what you please." "Go from this house, you dogs of infidels. You have come only to destroy our religion." "No, we will not hear any message of love, give us money and clothing if you want to show love, but take that book and go." Nowhere to sit down and rest our weary feet, no one to say, "Come into my house and rest a while." These for whom Christ died! A new revelation of Christ's sufferings over a rebellious and hard hearted generation. A new insight into His loneliness when He said, "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Mrs. Stewart writes: The past year has been one of preparation for work rather than of the real work of the mission. During the first part of the year most of the other stations were visited and collections made of the flora of each place visited. Then a five hundred mile tramp was taken across Chamba and Jammu and down into Kashmir. While on these trips more than three thousand different species of plants were collected and pressed. Some of these have been sent to various botanical departments in America and the rest placed in the Gordon College herbarium.

The latter part of the year has been spent itinerating with Miss Lawrence. One day we happened in on a wedding where everybody but the thirteen year old bride was royally robed in silk and satins and loaded with gold ornaments. She, poor child, was playing around clothed in filthy rags till such time as the groom should put in his appearance which might not be for several days.

Another day we heard great wailing and following it up found a group of women screaming and crying because the husband and father had died some four months before. They soon dried their tears when they found they had callers and we had a very nice talk with them.

RAWALPINDI CANTONMENTS.

Miss Mary Lawrence.

At the close of the camping season in March the regular zenana work was taken up. The people are shop keepers, merchants, and of the servant class, who are all more or less connected with the army and the army life. As a consequence gambling, drinking, and other vices are most common, and they do not like to be told that these things are wrong. The Bible woman, who did very faithful work during the winter, left in the spring because she could not stand the loneliness. Will you not pray for Christian women, who are working in non-Christian centers, that they may not fall into temptation or be discouraged.

RAWALPINDI CITY.

Miss Fannie Martin.

What of the past year in the Girls' School? It has been one of interruptions. Plague grew steadily worse during the after part of the summer, till the middle of October when the government ordered all schools to close. Many people who could get away from the city left. Most of our school girls [illegible]

the wealthier or well-to-do class so these scattered. Not a child from our school died of plague. Several had the disease but recovered. Not long ago I overheard the Bible teacher explaining to the children in the third grade what prayer is. A little Hindu girl to prove that she knew what the teacher meant gave this as an example, "Many children from the other schools in the city died of plague but prayer was heard and answered for the children of our school."

Are such impressions as these lasting on a child's mind? Is a mission school among such children worth while?

Three high caste Hindu girls having finished the grades of this school, have gone into a Christian boarding house and mission high school. They pay full fees.

In the Zenana Work of the year forty-two Mohammedan and thirty-seven homes have been visited reaching two hundred and thirty-seven women with a course of Bible lessons. Aside from these are the many homes visited and the message given—homes of girls who attend the mission school and of the boys from the mission college and high school. Many are visited in times of sickness and sorrow when we know we find the real heart of the people. When one asks for a pile of charcoal, a vessel of hot water, and some flannel cloths, and begins wringing out the hot steaming cloths, the women stand by with clasped hands and say, "Hai, hai." When they see the patient soon become quiet and rest they come bowing their foreheads to touch your shoes and ask, "From where has such knowledge come to you?" One cannot but pity them in their helplessness.

CAMPBELLPUR.

Miss Josephine White and Miss Lena Brotherston.

Ours has been the pleasure of starting work in a new place. Not being able to get a house in which we could spend the summer months, we had to take a native house in the civil bazaar, and so were obliged to be away during the hot season; but before going we had visited a goodly number of homes, and realized that the people accepted us in a way they would not have done had we not been living in their midst.

Some social events stand out prominently. One was a dinner in the house of the *tehsildar* (headman of the town) who invited us, with a number of Mohammedan friends; the usual Indian custom being to invite foreigners alone. With a large party of Indian ladies we sat on the floor around the table cloth. Two or three of the Mohammedan ladies ate from the same plate, as a token of special friendship. The invitation was for such an early hour we had a long time for singing and talking before the dinner was served. The hostess remained in the cook-room, putting the food on the plates with her own hands. Her children sat with us, and the fourteen-year-old son was a most attentive host. The men were all in another apartment.

The wife of a Hindu asked us to tea. The husband and wife both sat at the table and drank tea with us, which the wife very gracefully served, to the evident satisfaction of the husband, who had been instructing her in this art, for she had until now clung to the prejudices of high caste Hindus and had never before eaten with one of a different caste. Before we left the husband asked us if we would take her with us when we went

walking. We soon made a reason for walking and asked her to go with us, but she had an excuse, so a few days later we sent again and this time the husband was home, and when she made some excuse he at once provided her with a conveyance and we drove to the garden, walked about for a time and then returned. Now, the naturally shy little woman has grown quite friendly.

A Hindu lady was showing us through her house. She opened the door of a room which was furnished as the Sikhs furnish the room in which they keep their sacred book, and said, "This is God's room; our room of prayer. When we want to pray we come in here. We wanted some religion in our home." Does not this show a longing for, and a searching after something for which they feel a need? Do you believe in the efficacy of prayer? You do if you have faith, and you know the One Who can supply these wants. Plead with Him for these.

A class of twelve children for the past month and a half have been learning to read. They have been taught orally the book of Genesis up to the story of Abraham.

No doors have been closed to us. At one house we were received cordially, but were not allowed to preach, for the woman had been to Mecca, and now feels herself to be holy and in need of nothing more; so she said we did not need to tell her anything. She was quite satisfied. Pray for this one that her false satisfaction may be disturbed, and that she may learn the Truth.

During the summer our work was in Murray. The work was carried on with difficulty as the season was very wet and the Indian part of the bazaar is situated on a steep hill side below the English shops. A number of homes were visited. A class of Hindu young women met in one place convenient for me, and thus I could teach a number from different houses at one time.

JHELUM DISTRICT.

Miss Mary Logan and Mrs. D. E. Absor.

Miss Logan reports: During the first part of the camping season we made the usual tour of eighty-seven miles from Jhelum to Chakwal by way of Pind Dadan Khan. This part of our district has often been visited, and at many of the villages we have acquaintances and friends. We were usually made welcome, the message given, and some books sold. In November we began our itineration from Chakwal and travelled through a part of the district that had only been visited once before, and that thirty years ago. Every where we were received with courtesy and good will. In the large town of Telagang we were guests at dinner in the home of a Sikh prince; and together with all our camp retinue were entertained in true oriental fashion by a native official of the place.

During the camping season we drove 243 miles, and traveled 218 by rail. We were privileged to speak to some 200 women and girls, and 645 Scripture portions were sold.

From almost every village in Jhelum District men have volunteered for the service, and wherever we go anxious wives and mothers or friends gather about us to ask questions. They are disappointed that we cannot tell them where their loved ones are, and how long the war will continue. But we tell them our brothers have gone, and that we also are anxious. A sympathetic point of contact is established and we are able to tell them of One Who alone can sustain and save. The message

one who will not return often opens the way for the account of the raising of Lazarus or of the widow's son. These mothers have given their dearest and best to help deliver the world from tyranny and wrong. Are there not mothers in the home-land who will gladly send their sons and daughters that these may be led out of the bondage of heathenism into the liberty of the sons of God?

JHELUM CITY ZENANA WORK.

Miss Mary Logan.

This work has been carried on as usual during the past year. A number of visits have also been made in the homes of the soldiers who are stationed here, and in this way we have come into touch with some who had not heard the message before.

One morning in the latter part of March, Raj Kumari, a high caste Hindu woman, secretly left her home and came to the house of Viru, the Bible woman. Viru had had a restless night, and had got up and was praying for Raj Kumari at the time when a rap came at her door. Usually she would not think of opening the door without calling out to know who was outside, but she was led to remove the chain quietly from the staple, and Raj Kumari stepped in. The two women had a little while of blessed fellowship together, and then realized that daylight was coming on and a hiding place must be found. A Christian family was living on the opposite side of the wall, and at her own request Raj Kumari was locked in a closet of the house. She continued in this hiding place four days, spending the nights in the open air on the roof. In the meantime there was great excitement in the city. The Bible woman's house was twice searched, and policemen put on guard at the railway station to observe all passengers going away. The story is too long for a report, but she was enabled to go to Gujranwala and the following Sabbath was baptized. She seems very happy and is preparing for the work of a Bible woman.

GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL.

Miss Ella Gordon.

The yearly enrollment was 75, and average attendance 32, all Mohammedans with the exception of 5 Hindu girls and 2 Christians. Opposition from the Aryas has ceased since they have drawn away nearly all our Hindu girls; but the teacher of the Government Mohammedan Girls' School has been putting forth every effort to draw Mohammedan girls away from the Mission School by telling them that she teaches the Koran, and that they should attend where their own religion is taught. She succeeded in taking a few of our girls, but as a rule, the Mohammedans prefer the secular teaching given in the mission schools. Several of the girls prepare their Bible lessons in their homes with their parents' consent.

A branch school has been opened in the village near our house with 33 enrolled. The people are mostly very indifferent, not caring to send their girls. We trust the influence of the gospel will be felt in the homes through the children who are taught daily Bible lessons.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

Miss Ella Gordon.

Since Dr. Simpson left us in May the medical work is being carried on by Mrs. Fazl Ilahi. During the year there have been 462 in-patients, 8741 new out-patients, and a total attendance of new and old of 30,566. There have been 8 major and 230 minor operations.

On account of the plague and the

heavy rains, the Kala Dispensary was closed for seven months. There were 820 new patients treated and a total of new and old of 1470.

Mrs. Fazl Ilahi's sister, a sub-assistant surgeon, has been helping since the last of November.

Under the United Board of Examiners for nurses in mission hospitals, two of our nurses passed in the third year subjects, and received their certificates, and one passed in the second year subjects. One of the two who received certificates is at present nursing a European patient in Cantonements. The patient is full of praise for the nurse and says she did not know these Indian girls were such good nurses and could make one so comfortable.

Dr. Agnes Scott, Assistant to the Inspector General of Hospitals, in her report says, "There were 26 patients in the hospital the day of my visit; all looked well cared for and contented." She also urges the necessity of a larger hospital compound, and regarding the land which we have so long been unable to purchase because of the fabulous price asked by the owner, she says, "When Dr. Simpson returns, I think it might be suggested to her that if she has the funds she might apply to government in the usual way to have the land acquired for a public purpose, under the Act. * * * Judging by numbers there is no doubt that this hospital is very popular."

Morning and evening prayers are held daily with the in-patients, and at the dispensary hours the patients before being treated receive some instruction from God's Word. One of the patients who has been suffering for weeks said she wanted to learn the 120th Psalm, "In my distress I cried to Jehovah." A little boy who was in the hospital for some time and had become interested in the Bible stories, on leaving was asked by one of the nurses, "Joseph, what are you going to be when you grow up?" And the answer came, "I am going to be a Christian."

The young woman who cooks for the Mohammedan patients, says when she first came to the hospital over a year ago she was always giving abuse but now is entirely rid of that bad habit, because of her association with the Christians.

In February a sweet young Mohammedan woman who had been a patient for some weeks in the hospital, and had gone back to her village, returned breathless and alone one night to the hospital and said, "I want to be a Christian, take me away before my people pursue me." The compounder accompanied her that night to Gujranwala, and later on she went to Gurdaspur where she stayed in the Home for Women for seven months. She resisted all the pleadings and entreaties of her mother and husband who followed her. She even gave up her one little son but she would not go back with them. Later on she was baptized and was very happy in her new life. Again she was visited by her mother who told her falsely that her little son was at the point of death. This was too much for her mother love and she came home where she is now strictly guarded. Accompanied by her husband's eldest brother she has twice been to see us and says she has not denied Christ but is still a Christian. She has a very warm place in her heart for the Home in Gurdaspur. Won't you pray for her that she may remain true to Christ and be a blessing to others in her village?

Yesterday as I was passing through the little village between our bungalow and the hospital a woman put

around me and pulled me into her house and made me sit down by her, and then turning to me asked, "When is Dr. Simpson coming back? Isn't her six months' leave up?" "Oh, yes," she answered to my inquiry, "I get good medicine and treatment in the hospital, but I want the Doctor." Like this woman we all miss the Doctor very much.

SARGODHA DISTRICT.

Miss Ruth Warnock, Miss Martha Strong, and Mrs. T. E. Holliday.

During the past year we have seen signs of real growth among many of our Christian women; to be sure there has been indifference on the part of some but it is with great joy and thankfulness that we report real spiritual progress on the part of many. So many fail to realize that Christ has really suffered for them until it is brought home to them personally, but in these days when men are giving large sums of money to find a substitute to take their place in the army, we can bring home to them as never before the wonderful love of the great Substitute Who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. It is wonderful to see their faces light up as they grasp the meaning of Christ's death.

There are ups and downs, shadows as well as sunshine. We feel especially sad as we go into the villages where there is no worker, or where the worker goes only once in a while, and hear the oft repeated questions, "Why don't you give us a teacher? How can we learn without a teacher?" We are silent, knowing that we workers, and especially faithful ones, are few and hard to find. We hope that during the coming year all who read this report may pray very earnestly that the Master of the vineyard may raise up from among the young men of the Punjab church many who will be fitted to be leaders and teachers of their people.

The Roman Catholics are working in many places; more quietly, it is true, than in past years, but they are sowing the seeds of doubt and dissatisfaction wherever they go. Also the greed for land has been a very great hindrance, in the lives of our Christians, but in the villages where we have visited we have heard less mention of it than formerly. In some places where the people have seemed dead before we have seen signs of new life. In many places all over our district the tide has turned and among both Christians and non-Christians the harvest seems ready.

The work among the non-Christian women has been most encouraging. In some places our audiences were small, but usually not less than a dozen and often thirty or forty gathered to listen. We are very thankful for the splendid hearings, for the manifestation of spiritual hunger, and the evidence that God is fulfilling His promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."

In Sahiwal, an old filthy city, we found the people very ready to listen. It had been years since any missionary had been in the place. One afternoon we sat with some Mohammedan women in a sunny corner of their court yard and told the story of Christ. There were not only no objections, but frequent expressions of approval, and finally one woman, Fapa, said that she believed on Christ, and several said that they were praying in Christ's name. We asked Fapa where she had heard about Christ. She said that a Miss Sahiba had come to their village some years ago. "One soweth, another reapeth." One seldom hears a better confession of faith than was given by this young woman, and

face beamed when she talked of Jesus. She went with us to the next house and there, when the women were reciting the creed as the Mohammedans often do, she shut her lips tightly and, shaking her head, looked at us and said, "We'll never get forgiveness that way."

The Sargodha Presbyterial met in Sargodha on the ladies' compound in March. The weather was warm so the women lived in small tents and either brought their own provisions or bought from the little restaurant improvised at the house for the occasion. Addresses were given by Mrs. Shahbaz, the President, and by Dr. M. M. Brown, and Rev. Labhu Mall. Perhaps the most interesting part of the meeting was the story telling contest. Announcement had been made to village leaders and pastors' wives that a prize would be given to every woman who should recite ten Bible stories correctly, and a second prize to every one who would recite five stories. That the women were interested was shown by the fact that neither dogs nor babies distracted their attention. This was their part of the program. The woman who was first in the contest had a wee baby in her arms and two little toddlers were pulling at her clothes while she recited. There was no little pride and satisfaction on the faces of the pastors' wives who had taught them, and one old village teacher went off declaring that the women under his instruction would secure first place next year. The prizes were given and there were tears in the eyes of one girl as she stood up to receive hers.

The afternoon address was given by Mrs. T. E. Holliday on "Go ye into all the world." She made her talk very practical and showed the women their personal responsibility for their neighbors in the villages.

The Thank-Offering service was conducted by Miss Warnock. Every one had a part in this and gave her reason for thanksgiving. One woman was thankful because her son who had been delicate from babyhood was now able to walk a little. The offering which amounted to eighty-two rupees was designated to Home Mission work for the support of Rev. Yusaf of Mianwali.

LYALLPUR DISTRICT.

Miss Lillian McConnell and Mrs. J. H. Colvin.

Miss McConnell reports: Mrs. Nasar Ali, wife of our Indian district evangelist, helped in the village work after Miss Cleland left in January. Mrs. Colvin has visited many of our villages since last March. Miss Louise Scott won her way into the hearts of our women during the six weeks she was in camp.

Women in more than one hundred villages have heard messages from God's Word. Some of them only once or twice and some few have had as many as ten or twenty visits.

In one village where two years ago the baptized people gave little evidence that they were Christians, the girls and some of the women have memorized many Bible stories and delight in singing the Psalms they have committed to memory. In another village, years of prayer and effort are now bearing fruit and the women are gladly learning.

In our cities there are evidences everywhere that women are gaining a place of larger influence in society and in the home, but some of our village pastors and teachers do not seem to realize that teaching the women and girls is the most important work. Most important because the women are less ready to hold of new truths than the men, only where the teachings of Jesus and His Spirit are [illegible]

ignorance, superstitution, worldliness and sin, in the lives of the women is there any hope for a self-supporting, self-propagating church.

Among the non-Christians we find little real opposition to the gospel message but great indifference. Yet my journal shows frequent records such as, "The Mohammedan women gave splendid attention," "Had an excellent hearing by the Sikh women," "Earnest attention and tears of one or two women in the audience showed that their hearts were touched."

A Mohammedan woman recently surprised me by whispering, "Jesus Christ is living and all other prohpets are dead. My husband and I believe on Him." We hope and pray that when Christ comes for His own, He will claim many who in their secret hearts are hoping for salvation through Him. But our first prayer is that God will raise up from among the Punjabi people, both educated and uneducated, many witnesses who, filled with the boldness and wisdom and love of the Spirit of God, cannot but speak the things which they have seen and heard of the power of the living Christ.

Mrs. Colvin writes: During this year I have had an opportunity to see the contrast between the work of the Christian districts and that in those beyond the Jhelum. During January and February I was in Rawalpindi District where one does not find the friendly greetings of the Christians in any village and the daily work is a constant repetition of the story of Christ's atonement. There were even places where, knowing our errand, we were not allowed to speak any message or even to sit and talk on ordinary subjects. Of the spring and summer in Lyallpur the most vivid remembrance is that of making new friends among village Christians.

There was so much fever during the hot season, which is the leisure time of the Christians, that they have not learned as well as usual. At other times they have such long days of work that they are too tired to take much interest in learning. Unless there is an earnest desire both on the part of the worker to teach and of the women to be taught not much can be accomplished.

LYALLPUR CITY.

Miss Jean Morrison.

In the little Day School for Hindu and Mohammedan girls we have two Christian girl teachers trained in the G. B. S., Sialkot, and as one benefits by their trained efficiency one realizes anew what a wonderful work is being done in our Christian boarding schools in taking the most unpromising material and turning out helpers like these. Orders issued by the leading Hindu and Mohammedan men that girls were not to be allowed to attend the mission school where the Bible is taught caused us to lose rather than gain in numbers during the past year. In spite of this and the fact that we were turned out of the building we were occupying, we have kept about twenty-five of our girls and hope to secure more after the spring examinations. We have secured a building temporarily but do not know how long we will be able to keep it. The girls of the land are eager for education.

In Zenana work in these war days we find India's women have a peculiar claim on us for they, too, have sent their loved ones to fight side by side with their white brothers. I saw a Sikh soldier the other day bidding his wife farewell. As he moved away to join his comrades she followed as far as she dared, her li

son clinging to her skirts, as she strained her eyes to catch a last glimpse of her dear one. Then she went back to life's duties, her heart just as sad as the hearts of American wives and mothers, and India's poor women know nothing of the comfort that Jesus can give. I think they are a little more ready to hear the Way of Life. Much of the old prejudice has been broken down and many of them are asking for teaching. We have had no baptisms among the zenana women, but there has been progress. Decision is a different matter. The chains that bind them are strong.

To me the pathos of heathenism lies in the fact of its misdirected worship. "They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."

SANGLA HILL GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Flora Jameson.

The year 1917 has been one of steady growth. The numbers have increased from 118 in January to 136 in December. It is discouraging to have so many girls who have been in school only part of the year, fail to return after vacation. Mothers have found the separation too difficult and refuse to return the girls. Often these girls are among the most capable ones and are almost ready for the second grade. The teachers are tried by this condition, but again take up the work of teaching the new ones who have entered, realizing that if they are to remain only the one year even greater effort must be put forth.

Year by year the fifth class girls have come with the request that the Mission be asked to raise the school to the Middle Standard (through the eighth grade). Great was their joy when they learned after Annual Meeting that the Mission had decided to do this very thing.

Last February Miss Stratford came for the Government Inspection. The four girls in the fifth class passed and went to Sialkot for the last three years' work. She was, as usual, very pronounced in her praise of the plant which we have in Sangla. In addition she praised the girls much for their ingenuity in building ovens for baking their bread. They carried the earth and bricks to make these and in some cottages they also built platforms in their courts upon which they might sit to eat their food. Throughout the school the results were the best we have ever had. The results in the Bible Examinations were also good.

All the girls are in the C. E. Society of which there are three division. No one has to attend, but all are so eager to belong that it makes little difference that it is not compulsory. The girls give of their spending money to the work of the C. E., S. S., and Church, and give in such a way that a new teacher recently remarked, "I am surprised at the way these girls give to all of the offerings. I have never seen anything like it. They give so gladly." Their Thank-Offering in June was $16.00.

December 12th was set apart in India for a special offering to the Red Cross work. Girls and teachers were much interested in this cause. A programme was prepared and flags were made of all the countries of the Allies. The Secretary of the Municipality and his family, who are Roman Catholics, and a few Mohammedan women came. As they listened to the children, the Secretary and his wife said, "How wonderful you are training these girls." They [illegible] the women when shown the [illegible] quarters said, "What good [illegible] These girls can't get cold." The [illegible] ing that day amounted to [illegible]

and this was almost all from the school. The girls have since asked that their Christmas gift might also be used for the Red Cross work. Their special offering on Christmas day was $1.65.

During the past year Miss Fleming has been associated with the school and has given valuable service. She has now been transferred to Pasrur to take charge of that Boarding School when Miss Whitely goes on furlough.

KHANGAH DOGRAN.

Mrs. H. C. Chambers.

We have been greatly encouraged in general with the progress of our Christian women, and while there is still much to be desired, yet the interest of many in learning the course of Bible stories for the year has pleased us. A jalsa was arranged for them last spring at which they were to recite the stories memorized during the year and prizes were to be given to those completing the course. Many of the women planned to come, but on the day appointed, heavy rain hindered most of them from being present, and thinking that they had decided not to come, we went ahead and carried out our program for the few who were there. In the meantime the weather cleared up and other women arrived, so we had to repeat the program for them. The next morning another group of women believing that one day was as good as another came trooping in and we found that our jalsa had developed into a progressive one and another program had to be provided. In spite of the disarrangement the women had a good time, and are planning to come back to the one we shall have for them next spring.

"I am debtor both to the Jew and the Greek." To those who know God and to those who do not know him. So as we go from village to village we seek to care not only for the Christian women, but to give the gospel to Hindu and Mohammedan women as well. Many a precious opportunity do we get to do this as they come and sit down beside us while we are teaching the Christian women, or as we go to meet them in their own homes, or as they come out to the tent just to see us and to get some of our simple medicines. Though our knowledge of medicines is very limited yet because they stand so much in need of the commonest of medicines we find a real opportunity to help them and thus show our sympathy with them in their physical distress, never forgetting to tell them of the One Who loves them and longs to cure and save their sin sick souls. Many listen eagerly to this comforting message, and sometimes bringing their friends ask us to repeat it to them. One old Mohammedan woman who faithfully reads her Quran was so pleased with what we told her of Christ that she asked us to give her a book that would tell of all His gracious characteristics.

We still have two Bible women working in this district. Both report that they are getting better acquainted with the women and more homes are being opened to them. Besides giving the good news from house to house, the Bible woman is giving regular Bible instruction to women. Others seeing her as she goes about her work invite her to visit their homes.

In Sheikhopura, the hearts of the women have so changed toward our Bible woman that whereas a few years ago they broke up our girls' school because the gospel was taught they are now asking us to start it up and teach the Bible.

The W. M. S. though still few in number has kept up its meetings fa-

regularly. The prevalence of fever has almost broken it up during the last few months, but we hope to be able to take up the memorizing of Bible stories and do some regular work. It is looking forward to entertaining Presbyterial, a privilege it has never enjoyed. The Y. W. M. S. of Martinpur died very young. After the missionary had left the young women crowded in with the old women where they had no responsibility. Of the Senior society of Martinpur not a great deal can be said. We bemoan the fact that in a Christian community of that size there are so few women that are faithful, yet we praise God for these few and keep trying to stir up others to recognize their duty and privilege in this life.

We are glad to report a complete change in the staff of the girls' school at Khangah Dogran which has resulted in much better work being done. As we gathered together for our Christmas treat it was a joy to listen to the little girls from Hindu and Mohammedan homes singing the Psalms and repeating the stories from Christ's life. May we not claim by faith that this word of truth may find a place in their childish hearts, and bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

The Martinpur girls' school has shown a steady increase in the enrollment. Since the spring examination they have been trying to bring the classes up to the government standard.

GUJRANWALA DISTRICT.

Miss Hazel Bennett and Mrs. W. D. Mercer.

Miss Bennett reports: The village work of the past year has been full of possibilities and promise. Miss Buchanan and I were together until she left for America in March and since then there has been no one to take her place. In most of our work for Christians this past year we have taught a course of six Bible stories and six Psalms. The interest in some places has been very marked and where the people have learned willingly there has been great progress. On taking up the work again after an absence of three and a half years I have been able to see much growth in the Christian community. The ignorance, superstition, filth and carelessness of many of our uneducated Christians is hard to see but God is teaching them and we believe He has a large place for them in His Kingdom if only you and we are faithful.

Not long ago I was holding a meeting in Ghakkhar when a poor Christian woman rushed in and with tears in her eyes, humbly begged the forgiveness of another to whom she had used abusive language that morning. God's spirit had been working with convicting power and had shown the woman her sin. Needless to say I went home that night with a singing heart and with a deep consciousness that God is working in these Indian villages.

The village work among non-Christian women has been wonderfully encouraging this year. Last spring Miss Buchanan, Miss Mukerjea, Mrs. Bashir ud Din and I had a few days of special evangelistic work in a village about eight miles from Gujranwala. We found the whole village willing to receive us and to listen to our message. Sabbath afternoon we had a remarkable meeting in the worker's court yard. Although he is a low caste man and lives near the sweepers' quarters, the Mohammedan and high caste Hindu women as well as the Christians came in large numbers. Miss Mukerjea and Mrs. Bashir ud Din brought strong Gospel messages.

pray for the people of this village who seem so ready to receive God's word.

I had an opportunity last spring to spend more time than usual in non-Christian sections of villages near our city. The welcome everywhere I went was good to see, and the women listened gladly. One day a Hindu woman listened for more than an hour with such earnest intensity that I almost trembled lest I in any way fail to bring the message her soul needed. I have since visited the woman in her own home and her interest was still very remarkable. She bought John's gospel for her son to read to her. Another woman who can read well called me to her home not long ago and asked that I pray that God might show her the true way. She said, "Our teachers say one thing and you tell me another and I don't know which is true but I want to find the way of life." Do you wonder that our hearts burn within us as we think of all these seeking, hungry ones. But perhaps the strongest appeal of all comes from the great multitudes of unsaved ones who as yet do not know their own need. So often recently have I pondered the oft-repeated words, "And Jesus seeing the multitude was moved with compassion."

We have no organized societies in the villages now but there was a large representation of our women at the Presbyterial meeting in Gujranwala last spring. Many of the women came long distances and were none too comfortably quartered, but they all kept very happy and were so interested in all of the meetings. Several were quite distressed when their village was not represented in the Thank-Offering report and said that would not happen again. I was much amused when as we were talking about the distribution of funds, one ignorant village woman who did not quite understand stood and held up proceedings until she was satisfied about what was being done with the money. Such instances of interest and enthusiasm are indeed refreshing. Two or three of our women walked over twenty miles to be present.

We had no separate Bible School this year, but joined in a union school in Gujranwala during the month of July. I taught the women who can read and two Indian sisters taught the class of unlettered women. We studied Acts in the Women's classes. The month was wonderfully blessed and I believe to the others. One of the members of my class was a Brahmin convert of a few months standing. Her wonder as she learned of the marvelous acts of the apostles "after that the Holy Spirit had come upon them," was an inspiration to us all. Surely it is a blessed privilege to help such to a better knowledge of Him.

Village Schools.

A very interesting part of the work is to watch the developing ideals of our Christian girls and their parents. This year there has been an unusual amount of interest shown. Apart from Gujranwala City and near-by villages there are thirty-two district girls attending the Sialkot and Sangla Hill Boarding Schools. I already have a waiting list of eighteen more for next year. All the schools seem to be very full now. Besides the boarding school girls there are sixty-six Christian girls attending school in their own villages. Sixteen of these are now able to read their Bibles. Pray for these primitive village schools. They may mean much to our village community.

GUJRANWALA CITY ZENANA WORK.

Miss Rosa McCullough.

There were 2238 visits made in 166 houses and 90 women and girls have had regular instruction during the year. Some as last year had secular instruction in English, Urdu, and Gurmukhi, but all were taught the Bible.

A Brahmin woman who died last summer was one of my first pupils. She always read and heard about Christ with such a joyous expression on her face one could not but think she truly loved Christ. Yet when asked why she did not receive Baptism she replied that she was ashamed to do so before her people and to meet the ridicule and persecution she would have to do as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. But when we visited her in her last illness she always avowed her faith in Christ even though Hindus were present. Her eldest son who was with her all the time declares she died believing in Christ.

Mrs. Murray, one of the Bible women, was reading the Testament to a number of women and explaining about the love and peace Christ gives to His children through His Holy Spirit. One woman present urged her to go with her to her bed room to have prayer with her in quietness. After the prayer she said, "O it soothes my aching heart. Please get me a Punjabi book that has such prayers in it."

Mrs. Thakar Das, the other Bible woman, is also doing good work for the Master. Even when traveling, she works for the Savior. She goes into the women's compartment and thus meets some women who have never heard of Christ and His salvation. In one instance when they heard about His death and love for sinners, they were very much astonished and said, "Then we have committed great error. We have not obeyed the commands of God but those of our ancestors."

The Christian Girls' School in Hannan is doing better work than last year. The teacher is a former pupil of the Pasrur Boarding School and has been well taught in the Bible. The oldest girl in the school who has learned to read well and taken a great interest in the Bible study took a Testament and Psalm book with her when she went out in the district to visit relatives. She was gone two months and while there taught the people all she could.

Eleven meetings of the missionary society were held during the year. A list of topics was made out and leaders appointed from the members of the society and as far as possible arranged so that all could take part. The society pays sixty-five cents monthly towards the support of the Christian school supported by the Gujranwala congregation.

GUJRANWALA DAY SCHOOL.

Mrs. Robert Maxwell.

Although the school has not fully recovered from the effects of the disturbance caused by the baptism of Hakim Bibi, Miss Mukerjea continues to do good work and a fair number of girls are in attendance. The results of the last inspection were good. As usual the girls did well in the Baring Memorial Bible examination, and secured a large share of the prize money.

On "Our Day" (the twelfth of December) there was a gathering of the school at which Miss Mukerjea explained to the women and girls what the women of other countries were doing for the Red Cross and why the women of the Punjab should do their share. At the meeting toys, sweets, and badges were sold. The scholarship holders

tributed their scholarship allowance for one month. The staff and some friends of the school also made contributions and fifty-seven dollars were sent to the Chief Inspector of Schools for the Red Cross work.

GURDASPUR DISTRICT AND CITY.

Miss Laurella Dickson, Miss Margaret Fehlman, and Mrs. D. R. Gordon.

Miss Dickson writes: This year we have visited Hindus and Mohammedans in 97 villages in 35 of which there are no Christians. We have visited 86 villages in which there are Christians.

In Dinanagar three young Mohammedan women came to our camp, each one with her baby in arms. These are three girls who several years ago came to our camp and learned a Bible verse. The youngest one has come each year since, and always recites the verse, but I have never been able to get her to learn another one. One of the women did not recognize me and was telling me about a lady, who several years ago camped there, and gave them oranges, and sang to them, and told them that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." The youngest one laughed and said, "Don't you know that this is our Miss Sahiba who taught us that verse?" I gave this youngest one a little doll and she said she would keep it until her baby would be old enough to play with it. She was so careful of it that her little neighbors complained that she would not even let them look at it lest they spoil it. She took us to her home in the city and we had a good talk with the women on the house top in the sunshine.

One day we went to a village where we had often been before but had never been inside of a non-Christian home. This time God sent a little five-year-old Hindu girl to ask us to go and sing in the government school for girls in that place. There were a number of little Hindu pupils and their teacher was a young Brahman woman. There was a young widow of perhaps twenty-five years of age also attending. Her husband had died before she was old enough to remember it, but she is not a slave in her mother-in-law's home, but lives with her own people, and is allowed to attend this school. A number of women came in from the houses nearby and when we asked if they would hear some singing, they answered, "That is what we came for." We sold a copy of one of the gospels in Gurmukhi to the teacher and gave away a number of leaflets. When we left the school there were several men sitting outside, and one old gentleman asked if we had told all those women to send their daughters to school. We said we had not, and he answered, "Don't you think you should have done so? The time has come when women and girls should be educated."

It is cheering to find little girls in the third and fourth classes in the village schools. So many start to read the primer who never finish it. Others finish the first reader and then drop out. A young woman in one of our villages who once read in the third reader has now for lack of practice forgotten how to read but she learns Bible stories more easily than any other woman in her village.

India is truly a land of blindness both physical and spiritual. A Mohammedan woman told me the other day that when her eleventh and last brother died she had wept until she was almost blind. She wanted to see my face and came very close to me. She asked me not to think unkindly of her for peering into my face

in that way as it was the only way she could see me. Out in district we are glad to meet women who in their childhood have been to one of our boarding schools. They seem to have formed new ideals of life even though they were in only a few months.

One day we were sitting in Mohammedan house talking when the little son came in. He had a queer little tuft of hair about three inches long on one side of his head. The Hindus leave a little tuft on the crown of the head, but this was on the right side just above the ear. I asked the meaning of it and was told it was to keep off the evil eye. Three dear little children had died and this effort was made to keep the dread death angel away from this one. He was seven years old and attending school. There were also two younger children in the family and the mother said they would now soon cut that tuft from the elder boy's head. In one house the Mohammedan maulvie tried to keep us from reading by insisting that the women could not understand. One woman spoke out and said, "we do understand."

Miss Fehlman writes: We worked in the city during the months of March and April since the village women would be busy in the harvest field. Also we wished to get Jane Shadi, who had been in camp with us, started in the city work, so that she could carry it on when we would be away.

We visited from four to six homes daily. Three Mohammedan girls were reading English. One day they handed back their gospels saying that a cousin had told them they must not read from the gospels nor learn any more verses. I told them that I could not teach them English unless they would either read from the New Testament or learn the verses. Their mother then told them to keep the gospels. Jane reports as follows: "I visited regularly 18 Mohammedan and 10 Hindu homes. At first discussions were carried on but finally the women became interested through the power of the Holy Spirit. The message was given to 1320 Mohammedans and 1019 Hindus. Four or five homes of the lower castes were visited regularly, and the women listened well. For six months regular instruction was given to a group of inquirers of the sweeper caste. On November 4th they were examined and baptized. Our request is that you pray for us, that we may have much success in our work."

Our Women's Missionary Society numbers thirty members. The monthly offerings amounted to $17.25, and the annual Thank-Offering to $9.15. This is the only organized society in Gurdaspur District, but in a number of villages the women meet regularly and send representatives to the Presbyterial. Their Thank-Offering was $7.00.

HOME FOR WOMEN IN GURDASPUR.

Miss Emma Dean Anderson.

The Lord has crowned the year with His goodness and caused our paths to drop with fatness. We can truly say "Goodness and mercy have followed us and our needs have been supplied."

After many fruitless efforts to obtain a suitable site for our building God, in direct answer to prayer, enabled us to secure a very desirable one. This piece of land of about four acres belonged to nine different persons. By God's grace the business in connection with the transfer of this property was accomplished within two weeks. Several people who heard about it asked, "How did you do it?" There was but one answer, "God did it for us."

The first day of May with joy and thanksgiving, some missionary friends, the women and children from the Home, and about fifty workmen met to witness the placing of the first bricks in the foundation of the building. Psalm 137 was sung. Then Dr. Gordon, who was master of ceremonies, explained the object of the institution and told how we had obtained the funds which enabled us to begin the work. After prayer, sweets were distributed to all present as is the custom of the country. We are very hopeful that the building will be completed in a year.

Twenty-seven women and thirteen orphan children have been provided with a home during the past year; others had to be refused on account of lack of room. One woman has been baptized. Three others are being prepared for baptism. Two of these are Mohammedans, one a Hindu child-wife about twelve years old. Hers is a life history which cannot be written in this report. Married to a full grown man at the age of seven or eight. Sufferings indescribable. She had to remain after her rescue in one of our hospitals about three months ere she was fit physically to be received into the Home. At first she was so quiet and sad. But within three months she had become a happy playful child.

Twice during the year has the angel of death come to our little family, and taken away two of the most promising women. The doctors, who took the required medical examination of the Home, reported, "Health normal."

There have been two births and one marriage in the Home. Two women were restored to their husbands, two were sent away because they were not the kind of women we are providing for, several left of their own accord because they were not willing to come under the rules governing the institution. In the day school in connection with the Home, several of the women read the Bible for themselves. In the annual Bible examination all the women passed with credit in the book of Genesis. A number of them recited one hundred Bible verses from memory.

As soon as the building is ready all the orphan boys and girls under school age in our mission institutions are to be placed in the Home, and the orphan girls who are attending our boarding schools are to have their home here during the vacations.

We would call your attention to the fact that this will greatly increase our monthly expenses and we wish to remind all the friends of this institution, that we are entirely dependent on your free-will offerings to carry forward the work that is ours for the Master.

PATHANKOT—AVALON HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Josephine Martin.

The total enrollment for the year has been 114, in the high department 14, in the middle 26, and in the primary 74. At the close of the year 90 were on the rolls, 85 of whom were boarders. Of the five day pupils 2 are Parsees, 1 a Mohammedan, 1 a Sikh, and 1 a Christian. A Eurasian girl came to us in November. This was a new thing, and there was doubt about how she would fit in; but she was quite happy, and went home for the Christmas holidays determined to bring her little sister back with her. Her mother was pleased with the improvement in her, and that encourages us to think that there may be other such girls, who need the help that our school can give them.

Six of the girls professed their faith in Christ and united with the church,

and three others who belong to Church of England families, are awaiting for an opportunity to go to Amritsar to be confirmed.

The C. E. and Missionary Societies have kept up their interest, the societies being conducted entirely by the girls themselves.

The interest in the Sabbath School work has shown marked improvement. A Red and Blue contest, held during the summer, created much enthusiasm. When the girls went home for the spring vacation, they were careful to attend Sabbath School and church services, and brought back papers signed by the pastor or Sabbath School superintendent in order to have the points they had gained credited to the Red or Blue side.

The results of the government examination were indeed gratifying. All four girls who took the Punjab University examination for matriculation passed. All five girls who took the Anglo-Vernacular Middle examination passed.

Avalon won three of the ten high school scholarships for girls given in the whole of the Punjab to those passing best in this examination.

In the Bible examinations the girls did very creditably. Elliott Dispensary has been a great help in caring for the sick girls of Avalon and we are very thankful for it.

There is a vernacular Primary School in the city connected with Avalon with forty Mohammedan girls enrolled. The average attendance has been about thirty. The teacher has been very faithful in teaching the Bible. There are great possibilities in this school if we had the funds to get trained teachers and develop the work, but Avalon closed the year in debt, and some of the work must be curtailed.

The other morning I went to the city school where I saw thirty bright faces of eager little Mohammedan girls whom we want for the Kingdom, some of whom were having their daily Bible lesson. My heart sank, for I had come to tell the devoted teacher that unless more help would come, we would have to close the school. I knew how she loved her girls and how heavy her heart was, but she bravely said, "If you think that is best. I have tried to teach them the Word of God first of all." I knew that she had, but what can we do without funds to carry on our growing work?

As I came home I saw a funeral procession pass by. The body was followed by a woman of ill-repute, and perhaps the dead was another victim of the evil which abounds in India without a thought of shame! Farther on, I passed a fakir. He was sitting with naked body smeared with ashes, his matted hair hanging around his face, his forehead marked with the signs of the god he worships. A villager was sitting before him. He had come to him for help and the fakir was demanding more money than the poor man had brought before he would give him the magic charm that would ward off all threatened evil. As I went on I said to myself, "Shall we close our hospitals and schools, and leave the people to these things?" It remains with the church at home to decide this question.

PATHANKOT CITY.

Miss Jane Martin, Elliot Dispensary.

This dispensary supplies a very real need, for Pathankot is situated at the beginning of the foothills of the Himalaya mountains, and neither in Pathankot nor for many miles in three directions is there any medical help for women. The work has been carried on

and the interest kept up, during the year notwithstanding several changes in the working force. Early in January Miss Maconachie left on furlough, and Miss Laura Cleland took charge until December, since then the writer has been in charge. In May a sub-assistant surgeon was employed who took that part of the burden off Miss Cleland until in November. Since then we have secured the services of a very capable and efficient woman who has been in medical work for many years, and who is winning her way into the hearts of the women.

Requests come to us to take in-patients, but we have no accommodation for them. However, one woman was taken in in an almost dying condition. We felt that humanly speaking it meant the saving of her life. When she and her friends left they were loud in their praises of the love and kindness of the assistant, but she quietly pointed them on to Christ.

One man brought his wife forty miles to see us. He had taken her to native quacks, but in their hands she grew worse rather than better, so he put her on a pony and brought her to Pathankot. The treatment of some of the women by these ignorant quacks makes one fairly sick and one realizes the need for the mission dispensary and the privilege of working in it.

The Bible woman does good and faithful work among the patients, and many are being reached and touched by the Word.

Zenana Work.

The Mohammedans have always been friendly, and there are few houses among them where we are not welcomed. The Hindus were friendly at first, but the Arya Samaj people frightened them and they closed up like a clam. But time, and continuous prayerful effort, have at last succeeded, and at present many homes are open. Many women have listened with very evident hunger. We attended all the Hindu religious gatherings we could, and though the noise and confusion of the place made it difficult for us to do much preaching, yet the friends we made at those times enabled us to enter several new homes in the city.

The Indian pastor's wife and the wife of a layman do zenana work in Pathankot. They ask your prayers for a Hindu woman who professes her belief in the Christian religion and her love of God's Word.

A Kashmiri woman has affirmed that Christ is indeed the Son of God. This started a heated discussion, for this is one of the essential points where the Mohammedans fall far wide of the mark in their estimation of Christ. They do not believe in His divinity. When they are won to believe his Sonship they are surely near the Kingdom. May the Spirit guide them.

ZAFARWAL DISTRICT AND CITY.

Miss Nancy Hadley, Miss Alice Burnham, and Mrs. H. S. Nesbitt.

We were seated on a bed in the courtyard of a Christian house, the few Christian women and children on the ground in front of us. Very quickly a crowd of Hindu and Mohammedan women gather around to see and hear all that went on. After the preliminary questions and answers of greeting and inquiry, and calling of the roll, the Christian women were questioned as to what they had learned since we last visited them. After a few moments of silence one said, "What can we learn, we have no wisdom." Another said, "We have no time to learn, we have so much

work to do." Yet another said, "The teacher does not come." On questioning further we found that the Christian teacher for that circle of villages had not been coming during the year at all, and the people had had no instruction on the year's Bible course, or any Bible service. Because of their indifference and non-Christian spirit the teacher had given up going to them, and they had been utterly neglected. Upon being asked by what name they were called they quickly answered "Christian," but when asked to tell what they believed that made them Christians, they answered, "We do not know." Although this is a pitiable condition to find among so-called Christians, yet it is what we find now and then where there is such neglect on the part of the teachers and deadness of life among the people. The foundation truths of Christianity were then plainly given to these women, all of which had been taught many times before, but forgotten or snatched from their minds by the Evil One, as the seed sown by the way-side.

This was a splendid opportunity to preach the gospel to the heathen women standing by, and they listened well, frequently assenting to different statements. After repeating and explaining the creed, we then began to teach the story of Mark 5:21-43, the Raising of the Daughter of Jairus and the Healing of the Sick Woman, telling them beforehand to listen carefully as we would expect each of them to give the story after we had told it two or three times. One bright faced Mohammedan woman meanwhile, had become so interested that she seated herself near us among the Christians, and when it was asked, "Who will tell the story first?" she said, "Let me tell it." The power Christ had manifested in bringing back life into the dead child had made a deep impression and she told the story well, leaving out no details. With the exception of one old woman, the Christians with difficulty were able to tell the story, and several times the Mohammedan woman prompted them. After prayer and the singing of a Psalm we left these people for another year, heavy hearted because of the lifeless condition of our people, but glad of the opportunity of witnessing to the heathen women of Christ our Saviour.

We rejoice that this is not the story of all Christians. In many villages they have been faithfully taught, and enthusiastically sing the Psalms and repeat the Bible stories and verses which they have learned during the year.

Whether in camp during the winter months or in the house the remainder of the year our medicines are in great demand. Many times there is nothing we can do with our simple remedies, but the people appreciate our efforts to help them, and we trust that even in this service we are gradually breaking down barriers of prejudice and showing forth the love and kindness of Christ.

Zenana work in the city and nearby villages has been done for the most part by our two Bible women. One of these is a young woman who became a widow a few years ago. We were somewhat doubtful at first as to the advisability of taking her on as a worker. She was a good mother in her home, but had never done any teaching. She took up the work, however, and we have had every reason to praise for such a helper. It is good to hear the non-Christian women speak of her. "She is so kind and gentle," they say, "and sympathizes with us in all our troubles." Several

herself, has told us of the sad lives of many of those to whom she goes. A young woman was left to die, of a wasting disease, in loneliness and misery. Another had left an unhappy home but had fallen into the hands of a worse tyrant than her first husband had been. A third was cruelly treated by her mother-in-law; and so the sad cases might be multiplied. Sawan has visited ninety-six houses, and forty-five women have received regular instruction. Many others have heard the Word from time to time.

Leah has rendered many years of faithful service but is still quite active and goes out to her work regularly. She knows her Bible well and takes pride in earning good marks in the Sarah Dougherty Training School year by year.

The Women's Missionary Society has done its work faithfully in its own simple fashion. Those who cannot read or write take their turn in leading the meetings. Our annual Thank-Offering service was held at the close of Bible School. The offering was the largest we have ever had. A certain woman was present who seldom attends the missionary meetings and who had never before contributed to the Thank-Offering. She arose in this meeting and presented a half-rupee (it seemed more to her than $20.00 would seem to you) and said, "I want to give this because my man was lost and is found." Her husband had gone away from home to work and it was reported that he died, but shortly afterward he returned home. One of our members had been unable to attend Bible School but came eight miles to bring her Thank-Offering the day she thought the meeting was to be held.

Our Bible School was held in July. During the school living arrangements had to be made on the compound for the workers and their families, so one may imagine that the accommodations were necessarily very limited. We were all much helped and blessed by the special study of the Book of Hebrews and by the evening addresses.

PASRUR DISTRICT AND CITY.

Miss Mary Kyle, Miss Mabel Stewart, Mrs. J. G. Campbell, Mrs. E. V. Clements.

Miss Stewart reports: This year has on the whole been one of encouragement. There seems to be a real desire on the part of the women to learn. Instead of being satisfied as some are with the mere fact that they have learned enough to be baptized and called Christians and so escape the despised name of Chuhra many of them have shown a new interest in the learning of Bible stories, and the truths of Christianity. In M— where in former years the missionaries expected always to have to listen to complaints against the teacher of the village and his wife who was supposed to teach the Bible stories in the year's course, this year four or five young girls were so busy telling the stories and so happy in their telling that there was neither time nor inclination to complain. "Yes," said one of them, "we thought that perhaps you would come today, so I wouldn't go with my mother to the city lest you might come in my absence, and I would miss the opportunity to recite the stories I have learned."

So among the many so-called Christians who seem to be that only in name, our hearts are encouraged by some, who, though poor and ignorant still, show themselves to be children who really love their Saviour, and desire to learn more of Him. And we have faith to believe that even from these despised and weak

ones God has chosen some to put to shame them that are wise.

Mrs. Clements reports: More Christian women than ever before are learning Bible stories. Many have passed this year's course. We do not find nearly so many of them wearing charms, iron bracelets and anklets as formerly. In one village, however, one of our best women, Bhagan, had on a charm when we visited there. I said to her, "What does this mean? I am very much surprised and grieved and I am sure God must be." Hanging her head in shame she said, "Oh, I have had a pain in my side for so long. I have asked many of our native doctors, and they could do nothing. I have prayed also but the pain has gotten no better, so I thought I would try the charm. I know I shouldn't wear it. I will take it off now." I told her she should go to a dispensary which was near, and get some good medicine, and then to pray believing that Christ could heal her as He had done the nobleman's son of whom she had just learned. She was quite sorry that she had worn the charm, and two or three times when I saw her she asked me to pray that she might be forgiven.

Another encouragement is that some of the pastors' and workers' wives are taking such an interest in teaching the women of their villages, and one pastor's wife is going out to other villages when she can. She has plenty of housework to do, for her two girls are in the boarding school and four boys at home. The baby she carries with her when she goes. If there were more such worker's wives, the problem of teaching the women would be more easily solved. Pray that they may be stirred up to see their opportunity and duty.

Miss Kyle reports: The women always greet Mrs. Jones, the Bible woman, with a smile. There is perhaps not one house in the city in which the women would not welcome her had she time to visit them. The lives of the women are very barren and they gladly receive any one who brings a new interest. One fears that perhaps the welcome is because of this and not because of a desire to hear the words of eternal life. One lonely woman who has been an invalid for years takes delight both in the message and the messenger. Her eyes filled with tears as she listened to the story of love unto death, but the fear of neighbors and the Easterner's aversion to change hold her in the old rut of Mohammedanism.

In one house the women who used to be dancing girls receive regular visits, and two of them have learned to read very well, and are reading Isaiah and the Psalms. A daughter is reading John, and little three-year-old Fazalat can lisp, "God is love."

For many years Mrs. Jones has worked in Pasrur, and is often sad when she thinks of the women in whose hearts she has tried to sow the good seed, but apparently the Evil One has snatched away that which has been sown. Though no one has openly confessed Christ she hopes that in their hearts some do believe.

PASRUR GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Dora Whitely.

We began the year with ninety-nine boarders. Through the splendid financial condition of the school we felt that the Lord was calling us to take in new girls. A recruiting campaign was instituted and in less than six weeks we had a hundred and thirty-two boarders! That was one of our "overweights of joy" this year.

We closed the year with one hundred and five boarders. That number also grieves us very much. On account of sickness the majority of the campaign findings did not return after the summer vacation. We are still holding to those bright promising little girls in prayer, feeling confident that some of them will yet return.

Our staff has improved with the addition of two trained teachers. We have a sewing teacher, a Mohammedan man as writing teacher, and six trained teachers for the rest of the work. The nurse and two widows have looked after the tiny tots, the sick ones, and have helped us in many ways.

On the whole the work of the school has greatly improved during the year. At the yearly government inspection a much larger per cent. of girls passed than last year. In Bible there was not a single failure. Eight girls went to the new Middle School which has been opened at Sangla Hill.

We had our usual seige of measles, and a case of pneumonia, but all made good recovery. During vacation one of the new girls died of malaria. After vacation we had an unusual amount of sickness, mostly malaria, but now all are quite well and happy. In April our little baby boy died. We had taken him in December when he was only five weeks old.

In the spring our little blind girl was sent to the school for the blind. She was so glad that she was going to a school where she could learn to read and work. Her joy was boundless when we took her picture for she had on such pretty bright new clothes, and although she could not see them she was very proud of them. She took with her two treasures, a doll and a handkerchief that had been sent to her by a little girl in America. She will never be able to see or appreciate natural light, but may the light of God be flashed upon her little heart.

The C. E. Societies have kept up in interest during the year, the teachers taking the entire responsibility for this part of the work. Their offerings are sent for the work of the Christian Endeavor in India. In addition, from the little that the girls and teachers have they gladly gave one dollar and thirty-five cents to the "Our Day Fund."

God has wonderfully blessed and helped us this year. There has been a marked spirit of helpfulness, good will and happiness among the teachers. The girls are girls, so are not perfect, but we can see changes in the lives of many. We do give praise for the help received through your prayers, and ask that you will continue to remember our school family.

At the opening of school Rakkhi came in, a new pupil. She had been in another school the year before. Before many days she was punished for trying to run off. That seemed to make her more determined that she would go. While I was at our annual meeting she ran away six times, and six times her parents brought her back. She was here when I returned but the next morning could not be found. We prayed that once more her parents might bring her back, and we would do all in our power to make her happy. But no Rakkhi came. Her mother and aunt came with the school clothes and wanted her own, but they were told that we wanted the girl with the clothes. When asked what the girl would do if she did not come to school, her mother replied, "What will she do? She will carry a basket of manure on her

head, of course. We are not poor people and she does not need to do that work, but if she will not go to school there is nothing else for her to do." The father came and with tears said, "We want our girl to go to school but we can't make her come again. We are indeed very sorry." The mother again came and exchanged the school clothes for Rakkhi's. But Rakkhi was not forgotten. Several times we saw her father and one day he said, "After Christmas Rakkhi and her younger sister are coming in to school." Sure enough they came, and she is perfectly happy. Would that more parents were as anxious and determined to have their children educated.

THE WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Miss Wilhelmina Jongewaard, M. D.

The hospital and dispensary are under the care of Miss E. M. Anderson, Mrs. Roy and Barkat Bashir ud Din. Miss Anderson has had general care and has done all the Bible work. I make occasional visits, buy the medicines, in short have general supervision. Miss Anderson has done most efficient work. Her linguistic abilities and her keen missionary interests have been a wonderful asset in the running of White Memorial Hospital.

SIALKOT DISTRICT.

Miss Henrietta Cowden, Miss Harriet Jongewaard, Mrs. W. M. McKelvey.

Mrs. McKelvey reports: Our Christian women are studying the Martin course on the Life of Jesus, and it is a joy to see the way some of them recite these Bible stories, even to "pointing the moral to adorn the tale," in many cases.

While all have not learned owing to sickness, unfaithful workers and their own apathy over the necessary effort, still the fact that those who cannot recite are apologetic and ashamed reveals an encouraging change in their conception of a Christian's duty of growth in spiritual things. They realize more and more that wearing charms, feeding faqirs and conforming to old heathen rites and customs is not worthy of the name they bear—and we are glad to see that in these as in other ways "the little flock" is becoming more truly "separate" from the awful blackness of the surrounding heathenism.

Our summer Bible school brought about one hundred and sixty workers, wives and children, and we had a time of precious fellowship, studying first Peter and the course stories to be taught this year. This month means much to the wives of our workers for called about among the heathen as they are, it is the only opportunity to have a time of special Bible instruction. We notice a great change in their own walk and witness and they are much more faithful in helping their husbands in teaching.

Miss Cowden reports concerning the non-Christian work: Great crowds come to our tents and many gather in the village audiences from day to day. It is the old story of some hungry ones coming for food, some curious ones coming to see what is going on. The word is preached and taught freely, and there is very little, if any, opposition. So far this year not one woman has objected to the statement that Christ is the Son of God. God's Spirit is working in the hearts of the people, and one feels that many are near the Kingdom. The great mass, though, is as yet enveloped in doubt and indifference. The spirit of this world has taken hold of their hearts. Our fight is against principalities, against powers, and against the

rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Only the Spirit of Life can give these life. Pray for these millions.

SIALKOT CITY ZENANA WORK.

Mrs. A. M. Laing and Miss Minnie Beatty.

Mrs. Laing reports: The work has been carried on with very little interruption. Mrs. Jae Prakash has been very faithful and seems to be very well liked by the women. In one of the city homes Zainab, a little girl, had learned to read the Bible and when later the parents objected to this the Bible woman said, "Unless she reads the Bible with me I cannot continue to come." So in order that they may enjoy her visits they allow the child to read the Bible. In another home the Bible woman was telling how we give a Thank-Offering every year, and a Mohammedan woman, Hussain Bibi, said, "I should like to give one, too." The Bible woman told her it would be all right, so she gave two rupees for orphans, which will be given to Miss Anderson's Home.

Rarely the non-Christian women venture out of their homes, but I was very glad one day when one came out to the bungalow to see me. In nearly every home there is a request to bring my children, but I tell them that unless they keep their houses clean I cannot bring them. This affords an opportunity for me to help them a little in regard to neatness and cleanliness in the home. One who has never seen the Indian home cannot have any idea of the filthiness and unsanitary conditions which abound.

In all the homes visited there has been a welcome. Miss Beatty helped greatly during the year both by visiting zenanas and by selling Bible portions, in one day selling as many as thirty portions.

Work among the Christian women has been carried on as usual by Bhagan, the wife of Kalu, the Atari school teacher. She holds meetings with them and also teaches them to read.

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Mary Martin and Miss Olive Laing.

Miss Laing reports: The G. B. S. is "full up" again this year, though the number of girls is less than last year. We have at present one hundred and seventy girls in as boarders, and one day pupil. The enrollment of the school is being limited to one hundred and fifty, and after the Senior Normal and Eighth Class leave in the spring we will have only that number. In the present Senior Normal Class there are seven girls who will be taking their final examinations in April after which they will be given positions in our various Boarding Schools. This class has been an exceptionally good one all through the course.

The present Eighth Class are fourteen in number. They will appear for the final examination in March. Some of the girls hope to come back to take up the Normal course, one or two hope to go in for English though the expense of this hinders most of them. Others hope to take up nurses training. Nearly all of the girls have expressed their desires, but in the end they will do as their parents desire, which may mean marriage or staying at home. In place of the girl who left to be married we have taken on a new teacher this year—one of last year's normal graduates, and she has done splendid work. Next spring two of our teachers will leave in order to go on studying English, so their places will be filled by two of this year's normal class. The new matron who has been here about a year has done very satisfactory work.

During the year there have been many calls for contributions, to all of which the girls have generously responded. For "Our Day" Fund they gave eight dollars, and by sewing they have earned money for our new church. The teachers and some of the older girls have earned eight rupees to buy a mat for the floor. The Eighth Class is also buying a mat. Some of the younger classes have bought the curtains and the first class has promised to pay for the washing of them during the year. The Sabbath School has sent its collection, Rs. 20 to the Blind Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

Our annual government inspection was held on December 17 and 18, and the inspectress' remarks in the log book are very encouraging. "The training classes, and particularly the Senior seem to me very good this year. The lessons I saw were much brighter and more interesting and the teaching particularly in the lower primary have very much improved. The papers written for me on teaching methods were also satisfactory as they showed thought and some originality instead of merely imitation * * *. The arrangements for the health of the children are good. They lead a simple regular life with plenty of variety of occupation and active pursuits * * *. The work done as a whole is very satisfactory and a great credit to the teachers and staff."

The teachers and a few of the girls have been knitting socks for the soldiers, but their time is very limited for work along this line.

On the whole we have had a very prosperous year and much to be thankful for. A number of new girls have entered; though the school is still damp on account of being flooded three times during the summer, the girls have kept remarkably well and free from fever. The general conduct of the girls seems greatly improved and they have so willingly and generously given for our new church and for the war funds.

GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL.

Mrs. C. A. Stewart.

The results of the last examination were disappointing, largely owing to the absence of the head mistress. During her absence the attendance greatly decreased. Four girls passed the fifth standard.

The inspectress comments, "The former head mistress, Sharifa, has returned to her post after taking Senior Vernacular training and has done her very best to work up the classes. Unfortunately Jiwani, the mistress who has been officiating as head has much trouble with her eyes so she could not manage as well as she would otherwise have done. The year has been one of difficulty for the children's frequent absence for fever and illness have hindered the development of the work."

The results of the Bible examination were fairly satisfactory. The children seem interested in their Bible lesson and by the time they have passed the fifth standard have become more or less familiar with both the Old and New Testaments.

The girls have taken great interest in raising funds for the Red Cross work. They bring their pennies and drop them into a little box kept for the purpose. The money which is usually put into prizes they voted to give to this fund, so with this contribution they gave Rs. 50 on "Our Day."

SARGODHA HOSPITAL.

Laura Cleland.

The Sargodha Hospital was open for only a short time, from February to April, but even in this short time 1439 patients were treated. The difficulty of getting Indian workers and the impossibility of getting a missionary doctor who could properly supervise the hospital made its closing seem imperative. Much regret has been expressed through the city and district over the closing and great delight is shown that the hospital is to be re-opened early in 1918. At that time with Indian assistants and missionary, though not direct medical missionary, supervision it is planned to do all that can be done to relieve the sufferings of the women and children.

BHERA DISPENSARY.

Laura Cleland.

Our workers in Bhera continue to do faithful work. They report that the patients are orderly and patiently await their turn for medicine, meanwhile listening to the Gospel stories. They usually listen quietly, though sometimes there is opposition. It is encouraging to note that if an attentive ear is given to the Word, the purport of it is understood and acknowledged to be very good.

An elderly village woman was present one day when 1 Cor. 13 was being read. Some time later she returned for more medicine and on being questioned as to what she had heard before said, "I did not understand all, but only this little, that if we do not love God and man we are like sounding brass or tinkling cymbals—empty and worthless." Quiet, personal talks bring out the fact that there are secret believers in Bhera, but they are afraid to make a public confession of their faith and this is one of the discouraging features of the work.

In recognition of the work this institution has done, the town has this year doubled its contribution, and the District Board is also increasing its subscription.

EGYPT.

WORK FOR WOMEN IN THE TANTA AND BENHA DISTRICTS.

Minnehaha Finney.

In addition to having charge of the work for women in these two large and populous districts (two and on-half millions) I have an appointment by the Missionary Association called Secretary of Women's Work in the Delta, so that enlarges my circle of work to the whole populous Delta which has a population of 6,000,000. To say the least, I feel that I have to spread myself out and that it is not the ideal way to go at this work among women.

However, I do not mean to complain for we are only in the initial stages of this great work for the women of Egypt, and there is much need for organization and a laying down of lines along which to work as a part of this initial effort, so we will need to be willing to work slowly but surely, doing the things which will count for much aggressive work later on.

During the past year in these two districts, I have had under my direction ten different Bible women. However, that does not mean that all these ten have done work throughout the year. Only five of them can be called steadies. Of the other five, one had to give up her work at the middle of the year to stay at home with her mother in Upper Egypt, one proved inefficient and had to be dismissed, and one came in the latter part of the year to take the inefficient one's place. We hope she will be listed with the steadies next year. The other

two were school girls who gave their summer vacations to Bible work. One of these we hope will be listed with the steadies next year as she has, since her graduation in the P. M. I., Assiut, undertaken special work for Moslem women in the city of Tanta. The other one is in school in Luxor where she is preparing for special work in her own village, one of our isolated Delta villages. So much for the personnel of the Bible women.

Now what about the women taught? In the two districts there were 756 women taught weekly, and of this number, 100 were Moslem women. This means that over seven hundred women hear the gospel message weekly. It is my aim that these shall be women who have not the privilege of getting out to religious meetings. That is, it means that it is the aim to have our Bible women go to women who have no other chance to hear the gospel message. I find that some of our Bible women have got into the rut of going year in, year out to the same set of women, some of their own good friends, quite often church goers themselves. It is my desire to change this habit, but I see that it is going to be easier said than done, for so many of our Bible women are rather "sot" in their ways. Our greatest need is for a great and aggressive effort towards getting a new set of really well trained workers for this important work of carrying the Gospel to the millions of women in Egypt. We badly need our *Training School* for Bible women. We hope that the report of such a school will go into the budget reports next year.

In the Moslem homes it is a battle against all sorts of superstitious beliefs at the beginning and then as soon as the light begins to get entrance, then it is a battle to get the privilege of keeping the light burning. For as soon as a woman is enlightened enough to be willing to lay aside some of her superstitous beliefs and practices, then her relations and neighbors begin to get suspicious of her and question the effect of Christian religious teacher making these regular weekly visits to one of their number. Often these visits have to be discontinued just at the time when there seems to be evidence of the seed sown taking root. It needs great wisdom, great faith, and great courage on the part of our Bible women as well as on the part of the missionary ladies who have in their hands the direction of this work, and it needs a backing of steadfast prayer.

In the Coptic homes it is a battle to a certain extent of the same superstitious beliefs which have such a hold upon our Moslem sisters, and in addition to a battle against the opposition of the Coptic priests who much object to having the Coptic women brought under Evangelical influences. The Coptic women welcome the simple, practical teaching of the Bible woman and are much benefited by it, and their men folk welcome it for them too, but the great hinderance is the Coptic clergy. In some communities even the clergy do not object and so the door is quite open into these homes. It is unnecessary to say that the need is great for very few of the women, Christian in name, have any idea of the great fundamentals of salvation.

In addition to these regular house to house visits, I have made an effort to have regular meetings for women in various centers. We have a weekly meeting for women in the Tanta Mission House (lately it has been in Rev. [illegible] well's house). The attendance has been quite good lately. There was a spurt in the increase in attendance at this

of our special meetings in Tanta. The attendance ran up to fifty, the room was scarcely large enough to accommodate the number. I am glad to say that the attendance has kept up well since the special meetings. And I am glad to report that some of the women have received a decided change of heart. One, a Moslem woman, is seeking Christ; another, a young Coptic girl, wants to volunteer for work among women as an evidence to her "new birth," and this same spirit is not confined to the central stations for I have had my heart greatly cheered by evidence of a like revival among the women in some of the villages where there is work for women. In one village in the Benha district a young Greek girl has had a wonderful change of heart and wants to give herself to Christian work. In fact at the present moment she is giving her whole time to volunteer work among a few girls who are attending the school for boys in this particular village. In a certain quarter in Tanta we have a special meeting for Moslem women, and in another quarter a meeting for women which is quite well attended. Also in all the villages here, there are men evangelists; the attendance of the women is fairly good.

Outside of this special work for women which is done through the Bible women, and through these special meeting for women, there is a large and undeveloped field for work which I feel it is up to me to undertake, and that is aggressive work for Moslem women, women who cannot be reached except by the missionary lady herself. For this work one needs plenty of time for visiting. Much of this visiting in the homes of these shut-in Moslem women is in the villages. I am glad to say that I have some attractive openings but it is quite impossible to go into the details in a report.

This special branch of work can truly be named "The Ministry of Friendship." It is a delightful work, one which touches the heart of the worker as well as the one visited. My good friend Sitt Hanum is one who is the fruit of this "Ministry of Friendship." I made frequent visits to her in her own home in her village and she visits me some times, although, I must confess that my living arrangements are not such that I have any place to receive guests of my own I feel that this condition is a great hinderance to the real development of this important line of work which is opening up to me, and I may say that this line of work is sure to open up to all the lady missionaries who are doing Harim work. So the thing we all are needing is our own house. I most decidedly feel the need of having my own home from which I can work out as a center. I feel that it will in all sorts of ways increase the efficiency of the ladies engaged in this special work for women to have as a part of their equipment, a house of their own in each district where a lady is appointed to this special work.

As I mentioned above, I have the additional appointment called Secretary of the Evangelistic Work for Women in the Delta. In reporting this work I want to say in the beginning that this work being a new thing has, of course, been in its very initial stages, but I feel that I am beginning to see lines for the development of this Secretaryship. Naturally, having charge of the work for women in the Tanta and Benha Districts both, I have scarcely had a fair chance to push the work of this Secretaryship as I otherwise might have done.

I have had meetings with the other ladies of the Delta who are appointed to work among women and we have had some illuminating talks about the special

work we have in hand. The results are not apparent yet, but I beg everybody to "wait and see."

One thing that I feel sure is to be an important duty of this Secretaryship of the Delta is to prepare Courses of Study for the Bible women to use in their house to house teaching. I have prepared one set of these Studies called "Lessons in the Life of Christ," and this set is to be followed by another series in the Parables of our Lord, these in turn to be followed by two other series. It has been my idea that the set of four series would cover the work of two years being the length of time a Bible woman should give to the teaching of each woman on her list. For since no provision is being made for the increase of our force of Bible women some plan needs to be evolved which will look towards giving all the women of Egypt a possible chance to hear the Gospel message.

Then the next duty of this Secretary of the Delta is to see that all the Bible women in the various Districts are teaching these lessons so that they will really be effective. In order to accomplish this I have planned Quarterly Conferences for the Bible women of each district and at these Conferences or rather they should be called Bible Schools, it is the idea to go over the lessons which the Bible women are to teach in their house to house visiting the following months. I have tried this plan already during the past two years and I am finding it is quite workable, and most of the Bible women are responding very well to the requirements. I must confess that not all the Bible women of the whole Delta have yet been drawn into the scheme. I have been experimenting on the ones in the two districts I have under my direct supervision, but I give fair warning that I am expecting to push my scheme on the other districts soon. Our great difficulty is finding a good place to meet together. However, we expect to make the effort to manage in the easiest and most economical way possible, and if possible not ever to ask for any special equipment for this work. The desire of the Secretary is to bring up our Bible women to a greater point of efficiency and that without asking for any greater expenditure of money in this particular line of work that is, the Bible women and the work to be accomplished through them. But it must be quite understood that the Special Work for women in Egypt is going to mean much more than the one line of work which is represented by the Bible women.

Another duty which the Secretary of the Delta has discovered as easily belonging to this office is that of taking in hand any special meetings for women in the different districts. The most outstanding of these special meetings is that of the Annual Thank-Offering Meetings in the various places where it is possible to get the women interested in the effort. Last year we had a series of these meetings, using the same program in each place and also the same speakers, and the same Thank-Offering literature. It proved quite a workable plan, giving greater efficiency with a less amount of the expenditure of time, energy, and money on the part of the various missionary ladies in the various places.

We are attempting to follow the same plan again this year. A leaflet of the Thank-Offering service has been prepared by Mrs. Bell and the effort is being made to use this service in all the different places. The first of these series of Thank-Offering meetings was held the other day over at Mit-Ghamar and it was a rousing success, from the stand-point

of the number of women present, the interest manifested, the good talk which was made by one of our young Syrian ladies of the Tanta congregation, and the good time we had with Mr. and Mrs. Work on the Allegheny. The idea of having the meeting early was to make this beginnings of meetings for the Mit-Ghamar and Zifta women before the Allegheny would leave for the next stop. As an aside, I want to say that Mrs. Work has accomplished wonders for the work among women in these two towns (one on each side of the Nile) and some nearby villages during their visits there on the Allegheny this year and last. We are hoping that this meeting for women can be kept up throughout the year.

I want to say in closing that the possibilities of this Secretaryship are opening up to me more and more. I must confess that at first I saw nothing at all in it, and I undertook the job quite blind to anything which might be accomplished through it. Perhaps a report is not the place to make promises, but I think it is a good place to say that I feel that I can promise that this Secretary of the Delta work will, in time so unify the work for the women, and do all sorts of things which will make for greater efficiency and less expenditure of missionary strength and a better use of funds, and also discover new lines for the development of this great branch of mission work known as work among women.

CONFERENCE FOR BIBLE WOMEN.

Minnehaha Finney.

For the past six years we have had our Conference for the Bible women in the Assiut Girls' Boarding School during the winter vacation.

This year we are trying out a different plan, having instead local conferences in different centers, Luxor, Assiut, Cairo, Zagazig, Tanta and Fayum. Although these local conferences have been instituted from motives of economy and to relieve Assiut of the big burden, yet we are hoping that even more good may be accomplished by the smaller conferences. The leaders can get into closer personal touch with the Bible women and the women can be treated more as pupils in a school, and thus retain more of what they hear.

Luxor Conference.

We met in the missionary's residence, the meetings being held in Dr. Philips' study. I considered it a very great privilege to be present and to help in the studies. I think I can say that the heart of the Luxor Conference was the studies in the First Epistle of John conducted by Dr. Philips. He is a master in the art of teaching the Bible and has already made strides in the giving of Bible studies in the Arabic language. It was a very real delight at the closing meeting of the Conference to hear the various ones testify of the impetus that had been given them towards Bible study, and many questions were asked about how best to go about it. We missionaries are always impressed with the fact that our Egyptian workers have a knowledge of the Bible above the average, the reason of this because the Bible is taught as a regular daily lesson in the day schools of the mission. But with all that, their knowledge is rather superficial — so when there is a desire awakened for a deeper knowledge of the wonderful Bible truths it makes us feel that Jesus Himself has been opening up the Scripture Storehouse causing these heart-burnings—this is the feeling that I had at the end of our Luxor Conference.

In addition to the studies in 1 John, Dr. Philips opened the Conference every morning with a helpful devotional study in II Timothy. Then at the end of each forenoon I conducted an open conference on the question, "Conversion, what is it?" We first searched our own hearts and lives to see if we were living up to what we professed, then we faced the question of leading the women we teach to Christ. The fact was emphasized that giving out the word by teaching and preaching was only a fair beginning. The important thing is the real conversion of the souls we teach.

The three afternoons were full of profit as we renewed our knowledge of the three subjects: "The love of God," "Marks of Christian Love," and "The greatest of these is Love."

As we were a small company compared to the crowd which generally assembled at our annual conference for the Bible women when we met at Assiut, the burden of providing for the entertainment was not the big burden it always has been in Assiut. But even so I knew very well that it meant some planning and work on the part of Mrs. Philips and her faithful maid Semna (the daughter of a Moslem convert) to get dinner ready for twenty people every day. But it was done so very quietly and unobstrusively that it might have come Manna fashion. And I am sure that the Manna did not taste a bit more delicious than the onions from the Mission House vegetable garden and the rice and "Melokhia" and other good Egyptian dishes.

I am sure if the Egyptian food the Israelities in the desert longed for was anything like those good dinners Semna cooked, I'd grumble too if I couldn't have a taste once in awhile.

BIBLE WOMEN OF LUXOR DISTRICT.

Mrs. Daisy Greggs Philips.

During the year, 1917, Luxor district sent one of its best workers to be the first Bible woman in the Sudan. The splendid effect this had in creating missionary interest among the women of the Church has already been written up in a former article.

We have added one new Bible woman to our staff, besides the one who filled the vacancy made by the worker who left for the Sudan. The new one is a girl from the Luxor Boarding School who works in the solid Moslem town of Karnak. She has many difficulties to encounter, the women as yet having no desire to learn to read. They are willing, however, to listen to the gospel stories. It is the men who object to the influence of the gospel on their women and have sometimes treated the young Bible woman harshly.

One of the dear old Bible women of Luxor, Katrina, has become deeply interested in a large village half an hour's donkey ride from Luxor and she has been going once a week to the town where she gets a number of Moslem hearers besides many untaught Copts. Recently the poor old soul was knocked off her donkey by the falling branch of a tree and sustained some injuries. She was willing to suffer for Christ's sake and said she was only thankful she wasn't killed. The natives have a great dread of dying away from home. Now she is better and will soon be back at her work.

Our Bible women all gathered at Luxor the last week of September for a district conference. There were also present half a dozen lay evangelists and we enjoyed three helpful days around God's word. Our young Bible woman

from Kous, who is the first graduate to enter the work, said she would be the first pupil to enter a theological or Bible training school for women. How we do need such a school! We must necessarily get our Bible women from the poorer classes who have none too much education. Praise God! He can use such little ones. But if our one graduate says she hasn't yet begun to grasp the great riches of Bible truth how how much more the uneducated ones need a training school.

Our workers all feel the terrible pinch of poverty these days when provisions are so high. I recently received a letter from one of my women asking for a raise in wage of one dollar a month. She gets four. She is unmarried but has to help her father's family with expenses. I will quote exactly as this woman had enough education to write a fairly good English letter. "You know I will never tell or ask you for more money, only because everything is expensive, especially the wheat. Its price is from 72 P. T. to 75 ($3.60 to $3.75 for a month's ration for one person) and see what would be left from 80 piasters ($4). Five piasters (25c.) isn't it? Well and what about its wage (fee) when it would be sent to the mill to be ground? Three piasters and a half. What is left?" Answer: Two and a half piasters—twelve and a half cents. Needless to say I raised her wage one dollar. Think of twelve and a half cents with which to buy clothes, shoes, other food than bread, not to mention books. And we who are in charge of work have to squeeze these poor people down till I at least feel like an oppressor. Women of the church! these are your workers and you must answer to God for your dealings with them.

BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK IN ASSIUT DURING THE YEAR 1917.

Mrs. R. S. McClenahan.

The encouraging features are as follows:

1. The promise of the Master given with the command, "Go, ye, and teach" and "Lo I am with you."

2. He has verified His promise in various ways:

(a). In spite of the fact that our dear fellow worker (the Superintendent, Miss Rena Hogg) has been absent for the past year, the work has been carried on by the faithful Bible women, under the direction of the married ladies resident here, viz., Mrs. R. S. McClenahan, Mrs. L. M. Henry, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Wm. Hickman, and others who endeavor to keep track of these dear workers in this needy field.

3. There was great fear in our hearts at the beginning of the year lest one of the Bible women should be taken from us, but prayer was offered and she was wonderfully healed. Others had various illnesses and troubles but "out of them all the Lord delivered them."

4. The above pertains to the physical, however, we now come to the spiritual—which is the power—for could you see with your natural eyes these six women in the town and the two in the district you might be rather dubious as to the outcome of the work with such feeble instruments.

Read the statement in 1 Cor. 1:26-31. "Not many who are wise with merely human wisdom, not many of position and influence, not many of noble birth have been called. But God has chosen the things which the world regards as foolish, in order to put its wise men to shame; and God has chosen the things which the world regards as destitute of

influence, in order to put its powerful things to shame; and the things which the world regards as base, and those which it sets utterly at nought—things which have no existence—God has chosen in order to reduce to nothing things that do exist; to prevent any mortal man from boasting in the presence of God. But you—and it is all God's doing—are in Christ Jesus: He has become for us a wisdom which is from God, consisting of righteousness and sanctification and deliverance; in order that it may be as Scripture says, "He who boasts—let his boast be in the Lord." From this we see how wonderful a Master we have—and how much He can do if only we are willing and obedient.

The statistics will show something of the numbers reached during the year through these workers, so I shall not attempt to re-write them here. Suffice to say, that one must be brief these days of economizing in paper, ink and time.

One woman does most of her work amongst the mourning people, of whom alas! there are always great numbers, to say nothing of the days of assembling in such homes, particularly the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 15th, and 40th with all the in-between days, occupied by these mourners going from house to house. Truly, as the wise man said, "The mourners go about the streets."

"Sitt Bakhita" hears of a certain house where a death has occured, and at once goes. The women invite her to sit with them, but not to wail and tear her hair and slap her face. No! the Book opens, and they all keep silent while she reads the "Wonderful words of Life." Many houses now send for her as soon as the mourning begins in their homes.

Yes, the Copts have been the first to learn the better way. But come with me now in company with another, "Sitt Guta." We stand at the half-open door of a house where the mourning has begun. According to custom we hesitate, the few friends inside observe and beckon us in. Advancing carefully lest we step on the women, so closely are they packed, a chair is brought (a great honor) and as we seat ourselves amongst them one friend says, "Shall I call the women to silence?" "If possible" we reply, and at the clapping of her hands all are at once quiet. Then she calls for the reading from "The Book," and we read and explain, then pray. Wonderful! one thinks! There are about 100 women in this small house packed into three apartments on the floor, all Mohammedans. Coffee is passed and cigarettes to any who partake, and we come away rejoicing that the Word has had an entrance, where, but a few years ago, it would have been impossible. We know that "God's message is full of life and power, and is keener than the sharpest two-edged sword. It pierces even to the severance of soul from spirit, and penetrates between the joints and the marrow, and it can discern the secret thoughts and purposes of the heart." Heb. IV:12.

We leave this and pass on to another Mohammedan home and find a dear little girl, who has attended our small Day School in the south of the town and learned to read. We hand her the Book and she stands besides us and reads well in the Gospel of John and understands it. I may add that this south of the town school is taught by a young graduate of the P. M. I. and one of our Egyptian Protestant ladies pays her salary in part, while she makes up from small amounts collected from the girls,

say 25c monthly or 10c as the case may be. There are already 50 pupils enrolled and the women in the neighborhood come each Wednesday a. m. to a prayer meeting at which our Blind Aziz "the Bible Man," preaches the sermon. As we watch him at his work we realize something of the inner meaning of "For this our light and transitory burden of suffering is achieving for us a preponderating, yes, a vastly preponderatting, and eternal weight of glory." 11 Cor. IV:17. This is one of the several meetings he attends every week, at which some Mohammedan as well as Coptic women are present.

We must start out early and call the women from their houses to the meeting, otherwise many will remain listlessly among their small duties forgetting all about the hour of prayer.

Blind Aziz had a large number on his visiting list this last year. Statistics show some—but the record in heaven will alone show how faithful he is.

"Esther," a widow, leaves her children in school and plods about from house to house every day, carrying the Gospel to hundreds who hear, and some who are learning to read. From the beginners in the Primer to the readers of the Gospels.

Married women take lessons from "Blind Farduse," and one who began learning as a bride-pupil has continued to the present day; thirteen years in all. She can read and explain in any part of the Bible, and is sending her children to school, for she says, "They shall not grow up ignorant as their mother did." This Bible woman teaches in many homes and has a beautiful way of leading souls to the Light.

Sitt Suliman, another blind woman, carried her pupils on through the Old and New Testaments. Young girls and their mothers are receiving lessons, and not a few conversions have been the joy of her heart.

There is another woman, Ruzza, who has work in her section of the town and collects many to prayer meetings. This seems to be her forte.

Another, "Sittoot," in the village of "Walledeyah" where the late Dr. John Hogg and his devoted wife began many years ago, and where the writer has spent many happy times in company with Miss Rena Hogg.

Still another blind young girl, "Anisa," is doing itinerant work, going from town to town in trains and on donkeys, to teach and pray. It is a joy to hear her tell her experiences recording God's goodness to her in keeping her from dangers by the way, providing for her in numerous difficulties.

The recent conference of our Bible women, held in Assiut, you will hear of through another writer, but "the half cannot be told" if we but take notice as He leads us all along the way.

The last but not least is Hanuna, in a nearby town—blind—a real soul winner the pastor tells us. Her monthly salary comes to $2.25 unless someone open their heart and adds a small pittance towards helping this poor servant of God to gain a livelihood.

5. We have the great hope in future, however, of a number of educated young girls from the schools, one especially is in view, a graduate of the P. M. I., 1917, who has promised to take up the special work of evangelizing her fellow countrywomen in Assiut in the near future.

Pray for this work. Most of these employed Bible women were taught in the Primary School of the town.

Pray that those who have means may come forth to the help of the Lord in the service of the Gospel.

SEED SOWING BY A SIGHTLESS SOWER.

Mrs. Bertha Grove Reed.

If one's enthusiasm in the Lord's work is flagging a bit, I know of no better specific for its quickening than an hour spent with Anisa, the little blind traveling evangelist of Assiut district. Her appointment is a unique one. For who ever heard of an Egyptian girl who could travel from town to town and from village to village and still keep her good name and hold the respect of the people?

Anisa was educated in the P. M. I. and worked as a Bible woman in her own village, then the workers of another mission offered her a larger salary, and she went and worked in different places traveling about a good deal with them, but her health failed and she was compelled to give up work for awhile. Later she expressed herself as eager to work with us again, for various reasons she did not want to work with the other mission, but she could not be idle, when souls around were perishing, and so she would go wherever we said and work for anything we would pay her. She only asked for her living and an opportunity to serve Christ. Her brother is well off, and would gladly support her if she would only give up preaching, but she cannot think of it.

Pastors and people usually pay the traveling expenses of Anisa and the little girl who leads her, and arrange for their entertainment while there, and in places these arrangements are most primitive. But she says she can sleep on the earth floor and eat any thing, or even fast, and she can bear the filth if only souls are saved.

And you dear people who read this in your clean, well ordered homes, can little imagine the sacrifice such a life requires. By way of apology for taking a much needed rest at home, Anisa told me how the constant presence of others wore on her. And how those tiny things we unhesitatingly call the greatest trial of mission life and which are carriers of plague, typhus and malaria play hide and seek before her poor sightless eyes and deprive her of needed rest.

Sometimes her trips are made by train alone, but more often a donkey ride of an hour or so follows the train journey, and sometimes several hours must be taken on a dirty boat.

We were surprised and amused when we found out something of which Anisa was afraid, for in spite of her blindness she is brave and fearless. When we were arranging her tour once, she hesitated when a certain town was mentioned, as she is usually very frank in her speech we could not understand why she seemed to object to going to this village. She only proposed putting off the visit till later; and when pressed again for the reason, shamefacedly confessed, that at this time the place could be reached only by boat, and as the water was shallow near the town, the boat could not come up to the dike, and the passengers had to be carried ashore by the boat-men. That is the only way of traveling she has objected to so far.

During the year Anisa has visited twelve different towns holding at least 54 meetings, many of them in churches, the attendance at these averaging over 77. She has made many house visits, teaching hundreds of people in them, Cops, Moslems and Protestants. In some places men as well as women attend her meetings and she preaches to all with great spiritual power. In one place she held meetings in the Coptic and Plymothite churches as well as the Protest-

ant church. She reached 20 Moslems there, too. The Protestants observed two days of fasting and prayer, and 25 outsiders made vows to live renewed lives. At another place 15 promised to live for Christ, at another 34. In one of our foremost churches after two days of fasting and prayer 20 confessed conversion, and 10 had confessed sins, and asked for prayers. As her time there was up she had to go to the next place, but promised to return to them as soon as possible, and before she was able to redeem her promise she was going by way of that town to another, and the pastor paid her car fare in order to make sure she felt her obligation to return.

The following letter from another pastor will give you an idea of the way God is using her.

"Suffer me to write you once more concerning Sitt Anisa, the evangelist, and her work in B. M.

"Yesterday was a memorable day in our church, for God has visited both men and women. Personal confessions were poured to God with tears. The latter part of the day we spent in intercession.

"In order to help keeping the impressions and convictions among the women, it was found profitable to write you about Sitt Anisa's stay with us for one more week. I thank you because you have granted us our request for this past week; and once more I repeat the request. I am afraid I have taken Abraham's attitude with God concerning Sodom, but thank God, for all the requests of Abraham were granted. May the same be done to me concerning B. M.

"I forgot to tell you that the pastor of the Coptic church joins me heartily in this request. Moreover, Sitt Anisa spent two days of the last week in bed, thus her work was hindered somewhat."

So she goes to high and low alike. No place is too poor or humble to win her service. "In labor and travail, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often, in cold and nakedness." Is there not laid up for her, too, the crown of righteousness, that the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to her in that day?

THE CONFERENCE OF BIBLE WOMEN IN ASSIUT, FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14.

Mrs. Bertha Grove Reed.

After the large inspiring conferences of the past few years, any plans we could suggest for our Bible Women's Conference seemed poor and small. And the women said, "Oh, that it might be this year as it has been before, and that we might have all the others with us and be together apart from the world for three blessed days."

However we went ahead making our program and arrangements. The date was set twice in December but both times several of those to take part were unable to do so, and we felt the hand of the Lord was in it, and postponed it until February. The women themselves suggested that it be held in the church vestibule, as that was convenient for them. So we agreed to that, and instead of cooking dinner for them we gave each one a little money so she could afford to buy eggs, cheese, etc., and let each one bring her own lunch. To those from outside we gave a little more and let them stop with near-by friends and make their own arrangements. And all seemed comfortable and happy. The second day Sitt Philamina, a wealthy woman, who is zealous in the Lord's work insisted on bringing dinner for all, and her generous gift was gratefully accepted.

The program prepared by the committee was largely followed. Our sessions, however, were from 9 to 12 and

from 2 to 4. Sister Dorcas Teas took charge, and fortunately for us, Mrs. Hart was able to come and help. She taught the tract "Conversion" and Mr. Reed gave the Bible studies in 1 John. The morning prayers and the afternoon addresses were in charge of different people and were helpful and inspiring.

Perhaps the best test of real results was the "Say So" meeting which Mrs. Hart conducted the closing hour. The blind man, Aziz, said, "From Tuesday morning when Sister Dorcas first opened the Book, I smelled the odor of the blessing, and it has grown and increased all through," he also said, "When my children were ill I used to go about my work with a long face and a heavy heart, but now I realize that I must cast my burden on Christ and go about my service with love in my heart and on my face. Some one else said, "I used to do my work because it was my duty, but I have learned that to be faithful my service must be rendered in love." Another woman said, "We have been helped by all, but the thing I learned new was from Mr. Yessa's address, that the love of God is not like that of a parent nor of a relative nor of a friend, for there is some selfishness in such love, and even birds and animals have this, but the love of God instead of being a love that gives him benefit is a benefit to us, so we must love those for whom we work." Several spoke of having learned the need of keeping in close fellowship with God—as Light, as Righteousness, as Love. One said that love must come before service and that it makes service easy.

Miss Rena Hogg was often remembered and her return prayed for.

Throughout there was a deep spirit of love and joy. After the close of the last meeting a number of the women stayed behind in the church and engaged in prayer and praise until the setting of the sun reminded them it was time to come down from the mountain top.

BIBLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, CAIRO.

Mrs. M. R. Hart.

The Cairo Bible Women's Conference has closed and can be called a success. It differed from the others in that it was held in afternoon and evening sessions only. This seemed more practical under the circumstances. There was certainly a beautiful spirit manifested all the time and such good audiences attended the open meetings. The meetings began at 2:30 o'clock each day with a lesson from 1 John led by Miss Thompson. From 3:15 to 4:00 was a study in the tract entitled, "Conversion, What is it?" led by Mrs. Hart. Then were addresses.

First day by Rev. Ghubrial taking for his text Phil. 4:3. The second day the open meeting at this hour was led by Mrs. Zwemer. Her time was given mostly to instructing the women as the manner and matter of their teaching. The third day Rev. Ghubrial Riskalla had this hour with the women. At the close of this hour each day they had an hour, some spent the time in prayer and most of them enjoyed a good supper which was provided for them. It would be impossible for them to go home and come back so it was arranged in this way to keep their minds more free of other things, and give an opportunity to fix them upon the lessons which were given to them.

At 7:00 o'clock the first night Rev. Wasif Philubus preached on "The Love of God," John 3:16. Second night the same speaker had "Marks of Christian Love," 1 Cor. 13:4-8. Third night Mr. Hooper of B. & F. Bible Society spoke to the Bible women. Rev. Wasif Phi'u-

bus preached the last night on 1 Cor. 13:13.

Miss Thompson managed everything beautifully, from the first to the last, and one felt that it was a good opportunity to learn much from her in so many ways.

BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK IN CAIRO.

Anna Y. Thompson.

There has been a very earnest spirit shown by many of the nineteen Bible women, and it makes a person feel very much encouraged as we think of the many houses they visit in and around Cairo among 1485 enrolled women. Three hundred and fifteen being Moslems. Some of these women are learning to read, however slowly; three hundred and fifty-seven can read, and the greatest, number 1075, are regular hearers in the eleven districts where work is being carried on, under the guidance of several ladies especially Miss Hosack, Mrs. Acheson and Mrs. McGill in the outskirts of the city. The women meet at Mrs. Harvey's house the last Friday of the month to give in their reports to Miss Thompson, give in money collected from the houses for some of the missionary societies, and also to receive their salaries.

They felt very grateful to Dr. Hunt for his addresses to them the first half of the year (and for three years past) which have been very helpful. Since Dr. Hunt went for his vacation to America, I have been asking the pastors in the city by turn to talk to the women, and this month Dr. Zwemer is to address them. Of course his line will be work among Moslems and we all need to have our faith brightened up while working among this class of the people.

The Conference this year being in districts, Cairo was alone and we followed the general plan laid down by the Committee on Women's Work, the motto being, "God is love—love is of God." We had some good speakers, and large meetings.

There are sixteen missionary societies in Cairo, with a membership of 1413 women and girls. The number of women and girls who give money exceeds the average attendance at church services, because it includes many day pupils and also women in their homes who do not attend our church, but are reached by the Bible women.

The number of women members of the six organized churches in Cairo is 332 and there are some good workers and tithers among them. There are prayer meetings conducted by pastors, others by missionary ladies and others by some of the Bible women. There are two wealthy up-country ladies who have one of the more experienced Bible women go to their houses toward the evening once a week to gather the servants together, Moslems and Copts for a short meeting.

The Junior and Young Women's missionary societies in Cairo, are connected with the different schools of the mission, and the subscriptions amounted to six hundred and nine dollars, the Thank-Offering to three hundred and sixty-eight.

THE BIBLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN ZAGAZIG.

Mrs. Ellen Adams Work, Mansura.

For several years we have had our annual Bible women's conference for the whole of Egypt in Assiut. Each year the attendance increased in number and the added expense of travel from the remote districts, together with the additional responsibility of caring for the women, forced the committee to make other arrangements. Therefore, instead

of one large gathering, we have divided it into several district conferences. After having traveled to Assiut a number of times with the Bible women of our district, making the necessary changes in stations and trains, spending a night on the way; losing sight of the women while looking after their baggage, and losing sight of the baggage while looking after the women, arriving at our destination with nerves unstrung and head splitting, I cannot but exclaim, "O what a restful conference we had this year in Zagazig," September 26th to 29th.

The Bible women of Zagazig, and those preparing themselves for this work under the care of Mrs. Hart, occupy rooms built for this purpose on the roof of the Mission building, and in these pleasant rooms the fifteen workers and pupils of the Mansura and Zagazig districts were accommodated.

We were all present on the evening of the 25th, none of us having more than two hours' ride from our home. Everything had been previously arranged for our comfort, so it was a matter of only a few minutes after our arrival when each one knew her own place of assignment.

Each morning, from six to seven o'clock, Mrs. Hart kept the "Morning Watch" with the women, thus preparing their hearts and minds for the lessons which followed. From seven to eight we had breakfast; from 8:30 until about 10:00, Mr. Hart conducted a study on "Tract Conversion. What is it?" Then after a little breathing spell this was followed by a Bible study on the first Epistle of John which carried us through to twelve o'clock when the welcome sound of the dinner bell called us down to the Hart dining room where a good substantial dinner was served. We usually numbered from 20 to 25, filling one long and one short table. This was always a time of refreshing, socially, as well as physically. I might say right here that the women supplied their own breakfasts and suppers in their own quarters, while the dinner was furnished free, and we all sat together.

At 2:30 we met in the church (first floor) and spent an hour in singing. Miss Thompson, of Cairo, who spent two days with us, assisted us materially in this, for many of the tunes in our new book are new and she set us right on those we did not know correctly. Then we had an address from 3:30 to 4:30, the pastor giving us the message on Wednesday and Friday, and Miss Thompson on Thursday. The subjects of these addresses were, "The Love of God," "Marks of Christian Love," and "The Greatest of These is Love." To these meetings the women of the congregation and others were given the privilege of attending and we had a good audience each day, and all seemed to appreciate the helpful and deeply spiritual talks on the Love of God, which was the motto of our conference.

On Saturday we spent the time from 6 to 8 in prayer and hearing testimonies of what the conference had meant to each one. Before noon we were all back in our homes, feeling that it had been good for us to be there, ready to start afresh in the work of teaching and living in accordance with what we had heard about love.

Mrs. Hart writes, that since the conference she inquired from her women if they had any difficulties to settle (as these things will occur even in the best regulated homes) and they said, "No, how can we after hearing so much about love." Our evangelist in Mit Ghamr re-

ports that our two women there returned to their home, filled with the spirit of love and with renewed zeal in teaching it to others; and we have seen a marked improvement in our teacher in Mansura. Surely "Jehovah's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear" our prayers. We feel that God was with us and we have a right to look for a large blessing.

TANTA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. S. Bell.

The Conference for the Bible women of Tanta district and of Alexandria was held in Tanta at the home of Mr. Boyd. He and his family kindly turned their house over to us and became paying guests. We furnished a cooked dinner to the Bible women and let them get their own breakfasts and suppers, providing them only with a place and a stove. The arrangement was very satisfactory and probably the most economical.

We think the small conferences in different sections are preferable to one large conference, because we can gather the women around a table as a class. This secures good attention and permits of individual questions and answers.

The conference lasted three full days. The first period in the morning was for prayers. The second was given to Bible study. We studied the first Epistle of John and once more were surprised at how much we still could learn about a portion of scripture that we had been reading all our lives. I think the most important thing about this scripture study is showing the Bible women how to study the Bible. Some never realized that they should do more than read it. This study gave an opportunity to emphasize some of the cardinal points of our belief. To prove how necessary this is one need only mention that one of the women in answer as to how salvation was to be obtained, said, "By faith and works." The Coptic church like the Catholic, emphasizes "the works" as being essential to salvation. The Mohammedans also lay great stress on "good works."

The third period each morning was given to the study of a pamphlet, "Conversion—What is it?" This pamphlet gives scriptural reference for each assertion and is very helpful in showing how to reach the unconverted. The first period in the afternoon was spent in studying the tunes of our new edition of the Psalms. Our Bible women are often the only ones to lead the singing in the village prayer meetings, so this study is very necessary. The second period was devoted to an address the three afternoons, each in line with our conference, topic, God is love: Love is of God, John 4:16, 7. Each day closed with evening prayers.

We thank God for the inspiration and blessing received.

MANSURA DISTRICT.

Mrs. Ellen Adams Work.

The Bible work in the Mansura district is superintended and carried on mostly from our mission steamboat "The Allegheny." In this vast district comprising hundreds of towns ranging in population from five to twenty thousand, almost a million, roughly estimating, are women and children.

For three consecutive years we have spent from October until May on the "Allegheny," stopping at ten different places as centers, from which to work out into the nearest villages. We have had the assistance of a physician the first few weeks of each year, to open the doors for the preaching of the Gospel. As we

go down the river a distance of about ten miles and then back to Mansura and into the small canal a distance of about thirty miles, we find it utterly impossible to get near the people without the aid of a doctor. This whole district is strongly Mohammedan, many of the towns being entirely so, with perhaps the Post Master or Station Master or clerk of an estate the only Christian, thus when they see our boat and find that we have no doctor on board they give us a wide berth and any attempts to speak with them are met with indifference until we are literally "frozen out."

At Dekernes, the furthest point on the canal which we have visited from the boat, there is quite a colony of so-called Christians, but without a shepherd. The nearest Coptic church is twenty-five miles distant and only on very special occasions do any of these people make the journey, and then when they do, it is to listen to a service in the dead Coptic language which no one understands, thus there is little difference in the lives of some of these Christians and their Moslem brethren, to whom they should be a light.

Daily meetings for women were held in this place last year and this year with an average attendance of ten, and many house to house visitations were made, thus the little light begun has developed into a regular Sabbath morning and mid-week service, carried on by our newly appointed evangelist and his capable wife.

Back again to Mansura into the large canal we stop at Seneta and Bishla, if a doctor is with us, then on to Mit Ghamr, where we have a boys' school, an evangelist and two Bible women. Special meetings in this place, also Zifta and Dekadus, with house to house visitations is the program here, during our two months' stay.

Retracing our course, we make our last stop at Aga, where again a series of meetings and calling in the homes of the town and nearby villages and receiving callers, keep all hands busy. Then on to Mansura as it is now too hot to remain any longer on the boat.

"A little child shall lead them" has been demonstrated to us many times in this work, for we first attract the children who afterwards bring their mothers. Our little suit-case organ plays a prominent part in these meetings, drawing many to hear the music. We open every service with half an hour's song service and the simple choruses are being learned by the women and children. Our newly revised Psalms are filling a long felt want. One woman who became very regular in her attendance and begged us to come to her home every day and teach her the Gospel, told us she was led to come by her little daughter who said, "You must come and hear them sing, 'God is My Salvation;'" and another said her little boy plead with her to go just once and then he knew she would want to go again, and so on, we hear of the children bringing their parents and friends.

The work in the district from May until October is done by special trips on the railroad. You will see that only a very small portion of our district is even touched, and while hundreds of women hear the message once of even twice a year, there are thousands and thousands who never have this opportunity because of lack of funds and workers. There are six of these places ready and waiting for Bible women to carry on the work thus begun and it is difficult for the people to understand why we do not send them. We know, and you know. 1 Tim 6:17-19.

BIBLE WOMEN, ALEXANDRIA.

Mrs. Myra Boyd Bell.

The Bible work for women in Alexandria is being carried on in four quarters, namely, Karmuz, Raghib Pasha, Kafr Ashri, and Haret el Yahud. In the middle of the year one of our four Bible women was dismissed for incompetency, because her pupils showed no progress. We have been trying to secure someone in her place, but as yet have found no one who gave promise of doing better work. For six months we have been constantly adding new houses to our visiting list in Kafr Ashri and feel encouraged at the reception accorded the Bible woman. We have a goodly number of Mohammedans and find that they receive tactful teaching in a good spirit. At our last communion, a pupil of one of our Bible women united with the church. We are constantly striving to impress on our Bible women that this is the one and great object of our harim work—to bring women to Christ.

The superintendent holds a weekly meeting for the Bible women and goes over with them the lesson for the next week. Once a month we have a meeting at which reports are given in, difficulties discussed and interesting items mentioned and salaries paid. We then serve refreshments to the Bible women, which they greatly appreciate. They really don't have much to brighten their lives and this bit of social intercourse draws us all closer together. We then have a season of prayer and separate.

We earnestly desire to find two or three more women, earnest Christians, to engage in Bible work in this large city.

MIDDLE EGYPT CONFERENCE.

Plans have been made for this conference to meet at the Fayoum in March, but it will be too late to have it properly reported.

Statistics for the work among women in Egypt, 1917.

Number of women to whom the Gospel nas been carried weekly, 5134.

Number of Moslem women included in the above figure, 523.

Number of Bible women who are employed in this work, 57.

N. B.—The above statistics are not exact as all the returns have not yet come in.

HAREM WORK, ZAGAZIG.

Mrs. May Rose Hart.

We have reported Bible workers 6, or 4 and 2 pupil teachers. One of these works in Hehia, the other five in different parts of the town of Zagazig.

There have been taught: Beginners 44, Readers 23, Hearers 142. Of these 6 are Evangelicals, 174 are Copts, 14 Moslems and 15 others. Of these 30 are in Kafr-el-Hukama district. Average attendance at special prayer meetings for women at Central Meeting 30, Kafr Yusaf Bey 17, Kafr-el-Hukama 20 women and 42 girls.

Average attendance W. M. S. Central 40 women and 2 girls.

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Collection, Central L. E. 3.120.

Collection, Kafr-el-Hukama, L. E. 1.068.

Thank-Offering, L. E. 4.518.

I think that our Sabbath School has been about the most encouraging of the women's work this year. We have really much to thank God for as we look back over the year's work but it seems that the Sabbath School has shown greater in-

terest in both Central and Kafr-el-Hukama schools. The lesson cards have been a great inducement to the little ones to come, then we try to follow the lesson through the week days to fix it in their minds.

We have been rejoiced to see the interest shown by many of our women in the special meetings held for them. The way that they planned their work so that they could attend the meetings and the joy that they manifested in attending and in bringing others with them was simply splendid.

Kafr-el-Hukama Day School has been very much improved this year by the addition of a second room. There has been enrolled during the year 128 pupils. Of these 56 are Copts, 49 Moslems, 23 others.

The enrollment for Sabbath School is 131 and the most of these will not attend at the Central school nor enter the church and the same with the Kafr-el-Hukama women's meeting.

I wish to tell you that I really feel quite encouraged this year. We see so much that ought to be done and so many opportunities for service, that one gets to feeling that little or nothing is really being done. So it seems to do us good to be compelled to sit down and take account of what the Lord hath done, sometimes.

One of our Bible women was married this year to an evangelist for Moslems. She will do good work there although it was a little hard for us to give her up and we have only young girls in her place. However the work has gone on steadily and quietly, for the most part, all of the year and the attendance at all of the church services and women's meetings is good and shows the interest that the Bible women are taking in their work.

We have not been able to support our training class this year so we have managed to get the older girls all started into work and the younger ones have been provided for in some other way.

CAIRO.

Anna Y. Thompson.

I was told that each unmarried lady is supposed to give some account of herself and her work, so I begin by saying, "Praise be God." I have not been laid aside by sickness during the year, although feeling sometimes rather weary. I completed my 67 years two days ago so I have begun my 47th year of missionary work. I sometimes think I am rushed a little too much for a person of my age, but as long as God gives me as much strength as I have and a desire for the work and an increasing love for the people, I do not complain. I asked for Miss Barnes to take over the care of the Faggala school and the request would have been granted if she had been remaining another year.

The school begins at 8:30 a. m. (with eight teachers) and it is seldom that anything interferes with my being there for the opening exercises. The exercises on one Wednesday morning are turned into a temperance prayer meeting, and one other Wednesday is the girls' missionary society. On Friday mornings the time is taken by three divisions of a Christian Endeavor society.

The average daily attendance in 1917 was 192, the total enrollment being 360, and the tuition fees amounted to $952.

There is a Sabbath School connected with it, (or with the church, it scarcely is evident which) and I always attend it, and the services of the church there Sabbath morning, and the women's prayer meeting on Tuesday afternoon; and I keep the accounts for its mission-

ary society. The pastor is very fine and our relations are very cordial, and our large tent is well filled.

There is a meeting on Tuesday forenoon in Boulac, for women, which I go to from the school, and for which I am responsible, and there is a missionary society connected with it; also with the women's meeting in Shoubra which I attend Thursday morning. There are two other missionary societies whose accounts I keep. The exercises are only a prayer meeting, but we collect the money mostly through the Bible women.

I make out the salaries for seventeen Bible women, 1466 names of women are enrolled, and take their reports, (Miss Smith and Mrs. Atcheson have two others) and give them out new blanks and booklets for the next month. When Dr. Hunt was here he gave the Bible women a series of addresses, but this year I have asked different pastors to address them (in Mrs. Harvey's drawing room) and then we have a lesson on some other study. This year it being "Roots and Branches."

Two years ago one of the Bible women and I started a meeting or Sabbath School in the Aboul Ela district and the design was to reach poor class Moslems. There has been an evangelist for the closing exercises of the Sabbath School and the men's class, and I hope some day we may have an organized church in that district.

A little school was started in August of 1916, which is taught by one of Miss Smith's orphans, as we thought the rented flat might as well be used for this, during week days, and it has done fairly well with an average attendance of 28. I visit it once a week and attend the Sabbath School Sabbath afternoon. The average attendance of Mohammedans at the Sabbath School last year was 12, but since the beginning of this year it has been 31, and some of them (the children) can tell the Bible story very well. We give them Sabbath School cards every other week and we raise a collection which amounted last year to a little more than ten dollars.

My visits among native houses are not as many as I could wish but I recorded 656 during the year, and in the majority of the houses I at least lead in prayer. Mrs. Harvey for much of last year, met me at the school two or three days a week, to go house visiting with me.

Some of my time goes to Committee work, as I am on the Evangelistic Board, the Committee on Women's Work, the Language Committee, the Sudan Committee and the World's Sabbath School Committee of which Dr. Zroemer is chairman and Mr. Trowbridge is secretary. I am recognized as President of our W. C. T. U. but feel that I do not do enough for it, and am "the nest egg" for our Egyptian Young Men's C. E. Society, which meets Saturday evening at Mrs. Harvey's and has for about 18 years.

Some of the mission ladies have tried to help on work for the war by assisting in the Y. M. C. A. refreshment hut in the Esbekieh Garden, spreading bread, making sandwiches, serving tea, etc. I have been going over on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons with Mrs. Watson for some time. I can only take about two and one-half hours at a time on account of meetings but I began last August.

I feel like saying in a manner as Jacob did, "Few and evil" are all my efforts, but God can make use of them.

LUXOR GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Ida Whiteside.

This has been a good year with us. We have had no serious illness in the school and the presence of a nurse has been a great blessing. Our attendance has been a little less than the year before. This year we had 188 as a total enrollment while this term we had only 141. Of those we had 43 boarders last term and 38 this. In an educational way the year has also been good. The teachers have worked hard and improved their methods and we feel the standard of the school in general is higher.

All the year there has been a spirit of earnest inquiry on the part of our older girls along religious and spiritual lines. At the last communion two united with the church and I think others will soon. Several of our girls come from strong Coptic families and are not free to unite with our church, but we feel they are very real Christians. We graduated eight girls at Christmas time and they are as a whole a class to be proud of. It is one of the largest classes we have ever graduated.

During the year we have continued the evangelistic meetings at Karnak. Three Sabbaths each month, Miss Martin and I have taken teachers and girls with us and held meetings for the women of the village. Karnak is a village of about 1700 inhabitants mostly all Moslems of the poorest class. In our meetings we reach perhaps 45 women and as many more half grown children, all the most simple ignorant people. Some are indifferent and some really wish to hear. It makes one wish she could be multiplied a hundredfold and really begin to touch the opportunity presented in even one such village as this. There are so many good openings that might be followed up if we only had more workers and more money; but in health and strength, in our helpers and in our opportunities for service the Lord has blessed us richly this past year and we thank Him.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA.

Laura B. Walker.

The year just closed in the Girls' Central School has been a record as far as monthly enrollment goes. It kept close to the 200 mark.

In June a class of five were graduated. Dr. Fayad, a Syrian Specialist, addressed the class on "Woman in the Home." Of these graduates, one is a teacher in our Tanta Girls' Boarding School; another in the Kafr el Asshri School; a third in the Coptic School of this city; one is taking advanced French in a French school; while a fifth has moved to another city.

There is a Benevolent Society of the Copts which has two schools for girls in Alexandria. Five of our graduates are teaching for them, and the Inspector recently sent his thanks to the American Mission for the help they have given. Two of these come regularly to Sabbath School and teach classes.

One of our girls, who is a refugee from Armenia, made such progress in English that on our suggestion her uncle sent her to the Girls' College in Cairo, where she is doing good work.

Another, our biggest Moslem girl, finished the fifth year. We had hoped to have her again this year. She had been supported by friends of the Cumberland, Ohio, Presbyterian Church. Much to our disappointment, she came in the summer, saying that her brother was going to put her in a Moslem school for Midwifery. Later in the fall, she turned up, saying that he was putting

her in a Moslem Elementary School for Moslem Girls. She said that he did not want her to come on the streets. The writer said, "Why didn't you tell us, Sayyida, and we could have arranged for you to go to the Cairo Girls' Boarding School?" But she replied, "It is finished. My brother has signed a contract that I will teach for them two years."

The writer closed her work in this school the last of January, and Miss French wrote that Sayyida came back that day, saying her brother is now willing for her to go to our Boarding School in Cairo. Arrangement have been made for her to enter next month.

One of our Junior Class, who is a most promising Egyptian girl, and who had been filled with a desire to help her people, has been suddenly engaged, and is leaving, not allowed to complete the Junior Year. Our hearts are sad as we have before us two such cases of our own girls who are utterly unhappy. O, that our Egyptian friends may soon come to see the necessity of letting their daughters complete their education, and take a definite stand against early marriages and other wrong customs!

For three years this school has observed a White Gift Christmas. This year it was thought best not to ask the girls to bring gifts. So, instead, the girls gave up receiving rewards for Sabbath School attendance, and the amount that would have been spent in this way was handed to the Evangelical Benevolent Society, and used to gladden the hearts of needy families at Christmas time. Eight homes were thus made happy. The story of each is interesting in itself. One will suffice: The first time the White Gift Christmas was observed, one of the girls brought a poor Moslem woman to receive some of the flour, rice, and sugar. As a result, this woman attend Sabbath School up until about the summer-time. Then she was forgotten. She had sickened and died. The same little girl came requesting that we remember her family. Two of our teachers visited the home—home, shall we call it?—rather a cellar, where the poor motherless orphans are cared for by an aunt who has a flock of her own. Not only were they remembered at Christmas, but the school girls have adopted the oldest, a girl of eight years, and are paying her tuition in the Carmous School, where they trust she will learn to know and love Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

Since there has been no American Kindergarten teacher in the Central School, Miss Olive Mason has kindly given assistance by making out plans for the teachers, and meeting with them once a week. We have been most grateful for this help to our young teachers, who could not have kept the Kindergarten work up to the standard without this assistance.

1917 Statistics Girls' Central School, Alexandria.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrollment	21	236	257
Religions—			
Protestant	1	19	
Copts	6	71	
Moslems	3	16	
Others	11	130	257
Nationality—			
Egypt	9	100	
Others	12	136	257
Tuitions—			
Pay	9	210	
Free	12	26	257

HARET-EL-YEHUD AND KARMOUZ SCHOOLS, ALEXANDRIA.

Nellie C. Smith.

We have much to be thankful for in the past year that our work has been continued and prospered.

In the Haret-el-Yehud school we have about the same enrollment as last year, but the most encouraging thing there is the increased interest in Bible study among the Christian, Jewish and Moslem girls. A large Mohammedan girl who has always objected to the Bible lesson, has this year studied her lesson just as do the others, and we do hope and pray that she may have a true knowledge of its truths and may be brought to accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

In the Karmouz school we have very few Mohammedans now but it is certainly a splendid opportunity to train the future women of our church. This school is in the centre of a district of simple minded people, who are very willing to hear the Gospel. A number have already identified themselves with our church and we hope that a second church will soon be organized.

We have about a hundred pupils in actual attendance, so are rather crowded especially in the beginner's room, where there are over forty wriggling little ones. But we trust that there may be many of these who shall be the future leaders in Christ's work here.

KAFR ASHERI SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA.

Olive Mason.

There are encouraging and discouraging things to report about the Kafr Asheri school. Although the attendance is larger, the tuition more than in previous years, there have been fewer Moslem girls in the school this past year than ever before.

During the past three years there have been opened in the vicinity of our school three Moslem schools. One of these has since been closed for want of pupils although it took some of our girls when it first opened.

Two years ago our teachers formed a prayer circle; fifteen minutes each day were set aside for prayer for the school; especially that Moslem girls might be led to us, where they might come to know Him Whom to know is life eternal. We would have been tempted many times to give up praying for there has been no increase in the attendance of Moslem girls, but a decrease; but we know that God hears and answers prayer, that He has answered and is answering, and if we faint not we shall see the result.

One of the encouraging things to report is the uniting with the church of one of the teachers. Her father did not want her to join the church and opposed it strongly. She did not insist then, but said, "I do not want to oppose my father, but I'll pray that God will make him willing." And God did make her father willing and she is now a member of the church.

A Junior missionary society was organized in October and we have held three meetings. We have been reading stories about China at the meetings and the girls are so interested. The second meeting one of the girls wanted to send the collection for that day right off to the Chinese.

Twenty-three women and girls have signed the temperance pledge and that means a good deal in this country where the words, "Drunk as a Christian" have become a by-word among the Moslems. O! if the Copts and Greeks and all the so-called Christians in this land would only live their religion it would be so much easier for the missionaries to hold

up Christ and Christianity before the Moslems. That all Christians in all lands might be real Christians: then indeed will the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

GIRLS' SCHOOL, MANSOURA.

Davida M. Finney.

In making out the summary of the year's work of the School the other day I found it had been in general a very good one. There has been a slight increase in attendance, averaging about 110 girls monthly, with a corresponding increase in tuitions. We had a small graduating class of only three in June, but will have six in the class of this year. We are very much crowded for room, having eight classes in six rooms. The house we have seems to be the most suitable available one in the neighborhood, but leaves much to be desired in many ways.

We have a Junior Christian Endeavor Society which meets every Friday afternoon except the last of each month when we hold our missionary meetings. Last year we studied India in which the girls were deeply interested. This year we are studying China.

Our Thank-Offering last year was $36.25. While these meetings go on in "the chapel (the room we use as such!) the smaller children are gathered together in another room for a little prayer meeting of their own. We were very fortunate, by the way, in having been allowed to send our Primary teacher to Alexandria for the month of March to "observe" in the Kindergarten Department of the Central School there. I cannot tell you of the change wrought in that girl's life in that short month. She came back brim full of enthusiasm, and seemed to have really caught the true spirit and aim of work for little children. Her influence over the other teachers has been marked, and the spirit and work of her own department is a daily joy.

We have celebrated White Christmas for two years, and have found it a great success. Last year we bought food and clothing, and after our programme, distributed to those whom we knew to be in need. This year, though we bought clothing for cases where it was needed, yet we gave the larger half of the offering to Syrian and Palestine Relief. The contribution this year amounted to almost $20. The girls are most enthusiastic about this way of celebrating Christmas. One girl said, "It's the very best day of the whole year. I like it far better than my birthday or any other feast day in the year."

One of the things I have enjoyed most in connection with the school is friendship with the teachers. I wish you could know them, too. Their spirit, as a whole, is decidedly missionary. Besides their daily work with the girls, and on Sabbath in the Sabbath School, four of them hold weekly meetings in neglected and needy parts of town. This is all voluntary and done at considerable outlay of time and strength. Miss Fontine, for instance, goes to a quarter which is almost altogether Moslem. She began with holding meetings for women and girls, but the boys began to come in such large number that she could not ignore them. She now holds two meetings one first for the boys and about forty of them come, and then afterwards one for the women and girls. She tells me that though there has been some opposition shown at different times, yet the meetings are being greatly blessed—results often seen in the lives of those who come. Even the men will sometimes stop in or stand outside the window and listen awhile.

THE PRESSLY MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, ASSIUT.

Ruth A. Work and Anna B. Criswell.

The year 1917 has been a banner year for the P. M. I., especially in two respects —that of enrollment, and of liberality. The enrollment was 373, an increase of 104 over the year 1907. We had almost too many—those who are accustomed to teach only under favorable conditions would say that we had quite twice as many as dormitories, dining rooms and class rooms would accommodate. But, dear friends, we have turned away numbers during the year, and our hearts ache at the thought of the many dear girls who may, because of our refusal, never have the opportunities that are meaning so much to these who have been accepted. Yes, for though packed like sardines they are gaining much that will make them the women that Egypt needs. When one thinks of how much more they might gain with suitable buildings and equipment, and therefore how much more they might be enabled to contribute to Egypt, one grows very impatient for the answer to our prayers.

Although half our girls are poor, and many of them very, very poor, the "hard times" seems to have increased their liberality.

The offerings of the Sabbath School, which go to the work of the Synod of the Nile, amounted to one hundred and forty-five dollars. To contribution to the salaries of Bible women, given through the missionary society, was eighty-five dollars, while the annual Thank-Offering was one hundred and eighty-two dollars. Our Christmas gift for the suffering Armenians and Syrians was fifty dollars, besides garments. One poor Senior, who has a certain Junior Society in Indiana, Pa., to thank for her education, and who scarcely ever gets a new garment, brought an apron for the Armenians; one equally poor, gave a half-worn dress.

Twenty-three have joined the church during the year.

We have been wonderfully kept from sickness, or shall we say, in *the midst of sickness,* for we had two cases of small-pox and two of typhus during the past year, as well as minor ailments.

We have good reports of our girls who graduated a year ago. Six of the seven are teaching, but one of them now wishes to give place to a recent graduate, as she is soon to marry one of Egypt's finest young preachers.

The class of 1917, although not brilliant, was made up of mature, well-balanced, purposeful girls. Two of these go into direct Bible work, a third will take a few months of special kindergarten work in our Alexandria School, in preparation for teaching in her Alma Mater. Two of the others will possibly teach, while the others will be home makers.

Our class of 1918 number eighteen. Think of having eighteen to give to Egypt in one year: eighteen allowed to attain full young womanhood in the helpful surroundings of their school home: eighteen thus well equipped before facing life's duties.

But alas! a hand has been suddenly clapped over our eyes, as it were, hiding from view these scenes of joy and of hope. The blind-fold consists of a mere postal card from one of our village pastors, saying, "I regret to say that Ferooza cannot go to school any more. I spoke much to her people but could do nothing against their will. Everything is almost prepared for her wedding which will take place next week. I thank you for your care and sympathize

with your kind feelings toward Ferooza."

The light had gone out suddenly! Is the school indeed being given a chance to train for useful womanhood? Ferooza is but a child. She seems not over eleven, and had but finished her little first reader. Ferooza, so diffident, and so dependent, so soon to take up life's heavy duties! Our recent graduates, with all their training in science and religion, in the art of home-making, and the care of children, lamented their ignorance, and trembled as they faced life! They had had eight more years of training than Ferooza has had!

But there! we must rise from our grief and despondency, and work the more diligently with pupils and with parents, and so help to hasten the day when child marriages will be a thing of the past in Egypt. God's cause is marching on.

KHYATT SCHOOL, ASSIUT.

Ella B. Downie.

Like no other large day school controlled by our mission, the Khyatt school is supported entirely by the Khyatt family, a very prominent, rich family of Assiut. Unlike any other large school of our mission, too, it has never been given the full time of a missionary but has been looked after by a lady having either the Bible women's work or by one studying Arabic.

The average daily attendance of the school is about 240, while the enrollment for the year is over 300; 99 of whom were entirely free last year. The tuitions of those who do pay are so low that even the very poor are able to get an education. (It is 40c a month).

The school reaches more of the poor class of children than most of our other schools. Like our boarding schools, but unlike our day schools, it has a large Volunteer Band who go out week after week into the homes telling the Bible stories to the women and children in the neighborhood.

This is the work along with Arabic study that Ella B. Downie has been trying to oversee this year.

The Khyatt family are hoping to build a large new building as soon as possible and to enlarge and better the school in every way, and are hoping the mission can give a lady for full time for the work. Those of us who know the work feel that it is one of our best opportunities. We use our schools in order to reach the people and help them. Here we have one of the largest placed into our hands without costing us a cent.

Forty of the girls now in school are church members in our Protestant church.

CAIRO.

Anna Mary McConaughy.

I was in addition to the Haret-es-Sakkain School, appointed to take over the superintendency of Kulali School. I did this, taking it over on September 1, 1916, and on the 4th following, opened the school. There were eight teachers and some 250 pupils that Fall. So all during 1917, I carried the two schools. During the first part of the year I went to one school one day and to the other the next, usually going on the train which takes a half hour to reach either place. But during the latter part of 1917, the Kulali School began to increase in attendance so that I spent Monday, Wednesday and Friday in it and Sabbath also, giving Tuesday and Thursday only to Haret-es-Sakkain. In Kulali the children seemed to swarm—the little ones especially. I found the Primary teacher in September with

quite enough for one class, but in October I found she had some sixty or more pupils. So of necessity brought another teacher. In November I found this teacher one of the girls who graduated in June, to whom I gave but twenty pupils, had increased her number to even seventy. So again I was forced to find a teacher. And the third time, this teacher now has over sixty pupils. And the daily attendance now is 350, while the enrollment is about 400 girls including a few small boys in this number. So much for the attendance. Tuitions were very good. As for my teachers, the head teacher was new with me when I took over the school. She had no experience before as a head teacher. Being away so much, I had to depend on her in my absence. On account of her inexperience this has been hard. But this year she has really tried to get along better with people, both patrons and pupils.

At Easter time one of the best of my teachers became engaged and resigned in June. Another teacher, a Syrian, suddenly resigned in September after promising another year to teach. She was "engaged" on Saturday night by Canon Gairdner to the local Egyptian preacher of the C. M. S. Hospital while her friend the other teacher was married on the Thursday before. This occurred in the middle of September and I was much troubled at the excitement it made in the school among both teachers and pupils. But so far I am glad to say no other teachers have followed their example!

In Haret-es-Sakkain nothing of the sort has happened, my six teachers having remained faithfully at their posts through the year.

In June I had a graduating class of four girls who finished their course.

In Haret-es-Sakkain there were but two and I did not make any special examination for such a small number. One of them was recently married while the other is teaching.

I think it was early in the year that one of our Haret-es-Sakkain graduates united with the church, along with the pastor's daughter, a graduate of the Esbikieh School.

But I find great difficulty in urging girls to unite with our Protestant church, as they believe that their chances of marriage are ruined by so doing! In Kulali, at our Friday morning prayer meetings of the third and fourth years, I have been much pleased to hear the girls leading in prayer and easily taking part in the meeting. And they always listen most attentively to any message I have to give them and their teachers say they heed what I say, too. But there is so much to be done, and such a feeble instrument to do it! In both schools last year I had an enrollment of 704 girls. Everyone of these should have received my personal attention, and I did try to give this to as many as possible, but having both schools and their being in opposite parts of the city I feel I have, in spite of my efforts, skimmed over the surface of the great work to be done. Because I have not been able (except necessary visits) to visit the homes and get really acquainted with so many pupils. It is an impossible thing for one person to do, so I have been constantly distressed by the thought of the unimproved opportunities under my hand.

In Haret-es-Sakkain we work against great opposition both of Copts and Moslems, schools of both now being many. But I am glad to say the attendance and tuitions have had a turn for the better this year of 1917. Both are greater than last year.

This is very incomplete. There are many things of which I should love to tell you of my two blind girls, of my little "daughter of a Coptic priest," of my Moslem girls, one a graduate who is a believer in our Lord Jesus Christ, of the way the Copts have tried to take our girls from Haret-es-Sakkain, succeeding often and sometimes failing, but time forbids. Anyway I am grateful for the blessing of health. I have been and am quite well, and this means much.

CAIRO GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Ella M. Barnes.

It seems so strange, when all the world is in a turmoil of war, that we should be able to record the past year as one of unusual prosperity.

We have had more boarders, and have taken in more tuitions than the previous year. We have had to raise our tuition, but that has not kept the girls from coming.

We feel that our teachers have done better work, and our girls have made more progress in their lessons than during the previous year.

There has been more outward manifestations of the work of the Holy Spirit in both teachers and girls this year. Nine girls united with our Evangelical church, and several others confessed their faith in Christ elsewhere. Girls who used to laugh when other girls prayed, have now become very earnest leaders in class prayer meetings, and we can all testify to answered prayers.

The new Psalter has been a great blessing. Our girls love to sing and have committed many of the tunes and words to memory. They are so happy here in school, that they dread to see vacations come. Their joy has not been selfish. Our girls constantly remember the poor and suffering ones in their prayers. They have made over one hundred garments during sewing periods for the poor, and have contributed generously to the Red Cross and Armenian and Syrian Relief Funds, besides their usual contributions to our church work and orphanages.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, ZAGAZIG.

M. E. Baird.

When I came to take charge of the school during the absence of Miss French I found the machinery in good repair and well oiled, so naturally things moved on quite smoothly. The enrollment averaged 200. Of this number one-third are Moslem and most of the others are Copts. An average of 125 attend the Sabbath School. They have a Christian Endeavor which meets every Friday afternoon except the first of each month which is missionary day. We studied India the past year in the missionary meetings and at the close gave a pageant at the Thank-Offering service. The girls' offering was $75. One of the best school records in Egypt. Each teacher has a Thank-Offering box in her classroom so the children can give any time they wish.

For some time it has been the custom for the children to bring food on Christmas day and after a short program distribute it among the poor of the city. This year we gave them their choice of bringing the food or money for the Syrian and Palestine Relief Fund. To our happy surprise $17.50 was brought for the Relief Fund and food to the amount of about $2.50. One poor girl brought five sticks of wood, a very acceptable offering these days when wood is so scarce.

The year's experience has been full of interesting events. One day I discovered a huge hard lump on the arm of a seven-

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year-old child. When asked what had happened, she replied, "One day my mother beat me in front of an oven and an afreet (evil spirit) entered my arm." Another day after punishing three little girls, they were standing in a corner crying when all at once one child hushed and began to search frantically for something on the floor. I said, "What did you lose, Zeinab?" Her reply was, "I lost my tooth and must find it because I want to throw it at the sun and say, 'O sun, take this tooth of a cow and give me the tooth of a bride.'" (The latter is a rhyme.)

Seven girls took their diplomas in June, two of whom are Moslems and the rest Copts. The work is not advanced enough here to report many Protestant converts, though we have reason to believe many are true followers of our Saviour. Few complaints are made to the daily Bible lesson and often the Moslem girls take the highest marks in their examinations.

AMERICAN MISSION GIRLS' SCHOOL, TANTA.

Carol E. McMillan.

The year just closed was the best in point of receipts and attendance that the school has ever had. The receipts were $326.38 over those of last year and the total enrollment was 49 more. The total receipts from Egyptian sources amounted to $2,786.75 and the enrollment numbered 281.

The staff of teachers remained the same in number during the year for the simple reason that there wasn't any more available room to put another, though we were compelled to use the playground for part of our primary division from September on until the state of the weather forbade it toward the end of December. We use the landing under the stairs always.

The personnel of the staff changed somewhat at the end of June and while from September on we have had a more harmonious group of teachers. The new ones have not been as experienced as the old and hence the quality of teaching has not been as high as I would like. We have four former graduates acting as teachers at the present time. They received all or nearly all of their training in our school and three of them have made good or are making good in their work. I trust the day is not far distant when the teachers for all of our girls' schools will be the product of them.

The girls have improved in their ability to use English since a system of passing wooden disks among them was instituted. It has worked out better during the year than when it was first started so that now even first-year girls can talk pretty well.

At the end of June eight of the fourth year class recited the "Helen Gould Selection" of Bible verses and received nice Arabic Bibles as rewards. Two of the girls were Mohammedans and one of them was fasting the Fast of Ramadan on the day in which she recited the verses.

A class of ten girls completed the course satisfactorily and graduated in December. The graduating exercises were pleasing and a large audience listened to them with much appreciation. One of the girls was a Mohammedan, one an Armenian, two were Syrians and six were Copts.

During the last two months of school I had special Bible lessons with this class on the fundamentals of our faith and I was greatly pleased with their interest. I feel sure after a personal talk with

each of the girls that all of them are Christians except the Mohammedan girl. I do earnestly pray that the good seed that was sown in her heart may yet spring up and grow and bear fruit unto life everlasting.

One of the fifth year girls united with the church. He father is an elder in our congregation.

When there was a series of meetings in the church now a little more than a year ago, we had special meetings each afternoon at the school I was much pleased with the interest manifested by the girls.

Now we are going to raise our tuition fees with the first of January and I am quite sure the people will pay it. Our school has a very good reputation for doing excellent work in the town and we had a following of patrons who are exceedingly loyal. I wish you might have been present on the occasion of the graduating exercises of the sixth year class on October 14th. It was held in one of the moving picture houses which held about six hundred people. The manager of the place was most kind and obliging and helped us in every way possible. We paid $10 for the use of the place and were glad to get a place which met our needs so well. The last graduating exercises had been held in the Municipal Theatre, but it was quite too large for girls' voices.

The exercises this year were made up as usual of dialogues, recitations and songs by the girls. They all did well and the audience listened very attentively and appreciatively. Mr. Metrie Saleeb, the star speaker in our Egyptian church, made a short address and presented the diplomas.

The next day we had a display of the needlework of all the girls at the school and there were a goodly number who came and saw it.

I had a personal talk with each of the ten graduates with reference to their acceptance of Christ and nine of the ten assured me that they had given their hearts to Him and were determined to be His followers. The tenth girl was a Mohammedan and she was unwilling to acknowledge that He is the Son of God. She has had the same Bible instruction that the others have had and I am praying and trusting that Christ will yet draw her to Himself.

You will be wondering how the purchase of the new site for the school is progressing. It is moving at the rate most things in Egypt move—very slowly. Mr. Boyd told me yesterday that the man who is acting as agent in the buying is more hopeful of something definite in the next few days. I had prayed so earnestly that God would carry the matter through quickly, but that doesn't seem to be His will so I am trying to be patient and trust Him to do it in His own good time and I know He will do it far better than I could plan for. When it is at last accomplished I don't know how I shall express my joy. And as for the building we will never be able to build it for the price that we could have built it before the war. But God will take care of that also and He will provide according to His own gracious purposes. There is such a crying need for just this sort of school here. It is the only Christian boarding school outside of Cairo in the whole of the Delta for Egyptian girls. The boarding department grown in favor year by year. We have only sixteen single beds, but two sisters sleep together.

Miss Holland still eats and sleeps here at the school and she has been most kind and helpful in looking after the physical condition of the boarders and teachers.

Summary of Girls' School Tanta, Egypt.

Protestant, 7; Others, 2; Men, 1; Women, 8. The man is our piano teacher. The teaching staff is changed in personality, but not in religious belief from that of last year.

Enrollment:

	1917	1916
Boarders	18	17
Day Pupils	263	215
Total	281	232
Paying	265	220
Free	16	12
Egyptians	224	199
Others	57	33
Protestants	21	22
Copts	156	126
Moslems	52	58
Others	52	26

Receipts:

	1917	1916
Tuitions	$1411.50	$1217.62
Boarding	1375.25	1242.75
	$2786.75	$2460.37
Gen. Don.		25.00
Mission treas.	1828.06½	1920.01
	$4614.81½	$4405.38

Expenditures:

	1917	1916
Instruction	$1561.25	$1617.13
Boarding	2402.37½	1820.57
Rent, Repairs, etc.	651.19	967.68
	$4614.81½	$4405.38

GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL, FAYOUM, EGYPT.

A. M. Hammond.

Enrollment for 1917 was 209 pupils with an average attendance monthly of 139. Copts, 168; Mohammedans, 5; Protestants, 30; Syrian Catholics, 2; Jewesses, 4.

Teachers: Protestant Christians, 5; Coptic Christians, 3.

Expenditures: Instruction, $1027.50; rent and other expenses, $314.75.

Receipts: Tuition Fees, $515.50; Mission Treasury, $826.75.

Financially, this year has been the best year in my time of service here since 1908. It is the first year that other schools have not been able to retard us in some way. There is keen interest in lessons and a new interest in practical sewing. There has also been a steady increase in regular attendance, a better spirit among the pupils, and a congenial group of teachers. Also there was but little change in the staff of teachers, so it has made burdens lighter and work more interesting.

Our little missionary society which all attend the last Friday morning of each month, has been one of our encouragements. Its literary programme has been most interesting and well delivered. These Juniors gave in monthly collections $47.25 which they distributed as follows: Caluib Boys' Orphanage, $5; Fowler's Orphanage for Girls, $5; Red Cross, $17.50; Armenian and Syrian Relief, $12.50; 20 church papers, $3.75; Railway fares for two Presbyterial delegates, $3.50. Besides this, they had gathered a Thank-Offering of $52.75. This seems wonderful to me for none of our girls are wealthy and many are very poor.

One little free pupil is so energetic in her effort to prepare to be a teacher, that she studies out in the street under the street lamp near her home, sometimes taking her two little sisters with her to study. They are too poor to buy proper lighting for their house.

About ten pupils come from surrounding villages, board themselves and return home for the week-end. The little class groups meet for prayer and praise.

I am very pleased with the number of girls who have learned to pray before their class-mates, without fear, offering up their real heart desires—some of them not being expressed in the usual prayer forms.

One of our patrons asked me the other day how much time we give to Bible lessons any way. She was surprised when I told her only half an hour, for she said her little son seemed concerned with no other lesson and she wondered if we taught no reading and arithmetic to our first year pupils. I was pleased that at least one of the family was inclined to religious teaching.

Lately girls from different classes have been coming to me at recess and pleading for longer periods for Bible recitation, because they added, "There is so much we do not understand, and we need longer periods so our teachers can explain it to us clearly."

Also there has been a larger number attending Sabbath School than formerly and their offerings amount to 75c. or $1 each Sabbath. Only about half of them attend, because there is no place to put them all if they did come, when the men, women and boys are there, so it is a voluntary attendance. I am hoping that other arrangements can be made for the girls' section so we can reach a larger number in Sabbath School, too.

AMERICAN MISSION GIRLS' COLLEGE.

Mary M. Pattison and Helen J. Martin.

The attendance at the College has gradually come back to normal after the sharp falling off during the first year of the war. The enrollment during the past year was over 400, and the boarding department is filled to the limit of its capacity. In fact, not a few applicants have been turned away. The variety of nationality is as great as ever, and remains in about the same proportion, i. e., about 70% Egyptian, and the remaining 30% made up of about twelve other nationalities.

Among the interesting events of the year were two alumni meetings, one purely social, the other a literary program in the form of a newspaper prepared by the Junior and Senior classes. It was made up of articles describing the events of the school year, news items telling of the doings of alumni, and stories, poems, and jokes as well. It was all in English, and so well done that I am sure it would not suffer by comparison with the compositions of American school girls of the same age and school experience. In most cases you would not suspect from the composition and use of idiom that the writer was using a foreign language. And its purpose was not merely to furnish an afternoon's entertainment, but to give those present up-to-date information about the daily life and the progress of their Alma Mater, to strengthen the very real bond attaching them to her.

The Thank-Offering is one of the regular yearly events. The boxes were distributed, one to each class, about a month in advance. The filling of them led to a great deal of friendly competition. On the appointed day, at the close of the program, a representative of each class, in turn, brought up her class box, repeated an appropriate verse of Scripture, and announced the amount of the class offering. One class led all of the others with the sum of $30 to its credit. The total amount of the offering was $232.50. A committee of the girls distributed it as follows:

$50.00 to the Synod of the Nile.

$50.00 to a scholarship in the College.

$25.00 to the Deaconess' Hospital in Cairo.

$25.00 to the Girls' Boarding School in Khartoum North.

$15.00 to the Boys' Orphanage in Kalyoub.

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$22.50 to the Syrian war refugees

During February the customary evangelistic services were conducted by Mr. Reed and Mr. Roy. At the closing communion service, five girls publicly professed their faith in Christ and joined the Evangelical Church. But we know that there are others, especially among those of Coptic and Jewish parentage, who have accepted Christ in their hearts and are leading earnest Christian lives, but because of family opposition are not yet able to join themselves to the Protestant Church.

Perhaps the most conspicuous result of the meetings was the organization of the "Band of Victory." In response to an appeal by Mr. Reed, sixty girls volunteered to band themselves together for a month under a three-fold promise; first, to read the Bible daily; second, to pray daily for the salvation of at least one person; third, to try by Christ's help to live a life of victory over sin. They chose for themselves the name, "Band of Victory," and met together twice weekly, simple meetings in which the girls themselves took part although Miss Atchison was always present. At the end of the month, those who desired to continue were asked to see Miss Atchison individually and give her their names; a real testing—and fifty out of the original sixty responded. And so the "Band" continued throughout the year, meeting once or twice every week, and bearing constant daily testimony, before the other three hundred and fifty girls, to the happiness of a life of Christian service.

FOWLER ORPHANAGE, ABBASSIA, CAIRO, EGYPT.

Margaret A. Smith.

The past year has been one of sickness and weakness, until the work of clothing these many girls and answering many letters has got much behind hand. The Lord has been very gracious to us and although we have suffered because of the high prices, as those around us, yet we have never gone hungry. With a family of fifty there is always much work to be done and as we have only a few of the big girls left to do it and they must be in school at half past eight it keeps one busy to get the real necessary work done.

Miss Atcheson has had charge of the school since September which has taken that part of the work from my shoulders and she is much more able than I to do it and it is much better done. She spends much of her time in caring for it.

The financing of the school is as it was before, mostly from the gifts to the Orphanage and is a heavy expense as we get no help from the mission for it as the other mission schools all do.

Fanny, one of our girls is teaching in the school in the forenoons and in the afternoon she teaches women in their homes. Fanny is a Moslem convert and one of her pupils a Moslem girl declares herself a Christian and attends church and the night meetings, and tonight she brought her father and mother and brother and uncle and aunt. It seems her father had been coming to the night meetings for some time and his daughter says that he wishes to become a Christian.

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ship is held daily and in every possible way Christ is lifted up. We have no doubt you saw some of the interesting features of our Home on last Saturday: the nursery, the play room and the infirmary. Did you notice our brick-paved yard—the only place we have for more than fifty children to play in? Did you see little ones, for whom we want good Christian homes—five dear little girls and two fine boys?

In these awful, yet wonderful days, in which we live, when patriotism and self-sacrifice are manifest on every side, our orphans are being taught along these lines. Each morning they unfurl our beloved flag to the morning breezes and as the evening shadow gather it is taken down. Out of their meager savings they have contributed to the Red Cross, the Belgian Babies and the Armenians. During the hot summer days we find it very trying on the children to remain in the city; last summer the house was closed and the entire family went to Frankfort Springs during July and August. A vacant building was rented and there was plenty of room to play, and they certainly enjoyed their vacation.

We sometimes have a vision for our Orphans' Home Children: we see a splendid modern building surrounded by acreage—it is near a public school and a United Presbyterian Church: we see fruit trees, a vegetable garden and flowers in abundance; over to one side is our barn and there are two cows in it, and chickens by the hundreds, and that once despised animal—a pig. Our boys and girls are just returning from school—bright eyed and red cheeked (the picture of health) we hear their joyous laughter and shouts as they roam, at will, over the grounds. Members of the Women's General Missionary Society, won't you hasten to help us, by your gifts and prayers, to make our vision a reality in the near future?

Our Home for the Aged is full to the limit and we have a waiting list; we seldom have a vacant room except when the Angel of Death comes and removes some of the members of our family to that better "Home not made with hands." We have 82 aged persons to care for in sickness and in health; they come to us from all over our church and we rejoice in the fact that we are endeavoring, as far as possible, to have these aged friends realize the fulfilment of the promise, "In the evening time it shall be light." When they are called from "service to reward" the managers lay them away in one of our lots in either of our beautiful cemeteries and a neat stone marked is placed over each grave. Sabbath Services are conducted each week by one of our ministers or laymen and the Lord's Supper is observed once each year.

On June first, 1917, Miss Jean K. Denham, one of the most loved and faithful managers, obeyed the summons, "Come up higher." She was well known throughout our church for her great and intelligent interest in all departments of our work. India and Egypt testify to her generous liberality and the world is poorer because she has been taken. Mrs. R. C. Lyon, another manager, was called home during the past year; she had been unable to attend the meetings for some time but when health permitted she gave her best thought for the advancement of the work.

Columbia Hospital has admitted a larger number of patients during the past year than ever in her history; 2902 patients have been cared for; 30 out of

every hundred have been free; the work in every department has increased. Our maternity department is growing to such an extent that sometimes we are at a loss to know where to put these patients. 422 mothers entered this department and the Life Angel brought us 408 infants. Did you see the twin boys last Saturday? Their mother was only nineteen years old and when she came to us was in very poor condition. After the birth of her little ones, although everything possible was done to save her life, God took her to Himself. Her husband is in France and we are caring for the babies until they get a good start.

At times during the past three months every bed had an occupant; we sometimes had to put our patients in the sun parlors and in the Superintendent's sitting room and on cots in the wards. We regret that we are unable to admit all who apply; indeed some days we refuse more than we admit on account of lack of room. Although we have had a larger number of patients than ever in our history we have had a smaller number of nurses. In these strenuous days our Government is calling upon young women to enter fields of service hitherto occupied by men and, as a result, we have fewer applications for admission to our Training School. A number of our graduates have enlisted as Red Cross nurses. A number of young women members of our Auxiliary have pledged themselves to help us in this hour of need and, on certain days, two of them come to the Hospital at nine in the morning and remain until seven in the evening, doing the menial work of a probationer. When young women, coming from the best families in our city and church, willingly and cheerfully make this sacrifice what should you do?

Many of you are housekeepers and know something of the difficulty in securing domestic help. With us this is a most perplexing question; once a month we pay them, which means that numbers of them go off to spend their money; many fail to return for days; but the work must go on, our patients must be cared for.

During the past year nine missionaries have come to us for care and treatment; one is still with us and we expect another next week. No matter how crowded we are we always make room for our missionaries. We are rejoicing that we can share with the hospitals in Tanta and Assiut and Jhelum and Sialkot in ministering to these heralds of the Cross —the work of healing is the same whether in foreign lands or in America. The object of the United Presbyterian Women's Association had in view when Columbia was established was "That Christ shall be magnified" morning and evening; the incense of prayer and praise is offered, Sabbath services are held, where patients are in attendance, and seldom a day passes that some minister does not tell the story of Redeeming Love to some patients.

On Christmas morning fifty-five nurses marched from the dormitory through halls and wards singing Christmas Carols and our beautiful Shephard Psalms; there were many tear dimmed eyes among our sick ones as the story of "the new born King" was told in song.

We have an interest bearing debt of more than $63,000.00. With the prices of food of all kind advancing, medical and surgical supplies almost four times higher than they were two years ago, salaries and wages ever on the increase you will not be surprised when we tell you that our receipts never meet our ex-

penditures. The State of Pennsylvania gives us an appropriation of $39,000.00 for two years, to assist us in caring for free ward patients. Our cost per day for each patient is $2.30. During the past year we had more than 51,000 free days. Those of you who have pencil and paper might do a little figuring and see how much our deficit is in this one feature of our work. *We never refuse to admit a patient because they have no money.*

We are not unmindful of the financial gifts that have come to us from friends and societies. We are grateful, but today we plead for the only United Presbyterian Hospital in America for a larger share of your bounty.

In your annual report for 1917 the treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society reports that $217,168.78 were received by her. How much of that large amount do you think *your hospital* "in this land of the free" received? Just $315.00—just think of it, fellow workers, $315.00.

When you return to your home won't you let this part of the Master's work have a large share of your gifts and prayers and when, next you are planning your Thank-Offering, won't you bear in mind the work of Columbia? As an individual your Thank-Offering is a sacred obligation between you and your loving Savior and it is your privilege to designate all, or any part of it, to any department of work you may deem best.

During the past year one of our faithful officers was called from service to reward—Mrs. S. S. Stewart had been our Donation Secretary for more than twenty-five years. The work of the Hospital was most dear to her; she was interested in the most minute detail of the work and she gave to it the best she had of thought and service. Patience and gentleness characterized her whole life and we still mourn that we shall see her face no more. Dr. John E. Rigg, one of our members of Staff, left us for realms above, October 5th, 1917. He was elected by the Staff to be their Chief when we began our work; failing strength made it necessary for him to give up his position some months before he left us. Dr. Rigg was not only a skillful physician but a devout Christian and Staff and Managers recognize that he has entered upon that higher work for which his whole life was just the preparatory school.

Our Orphans' Home, Home for Aged, and Columbia Hospital each have a Donation Day during the year. Our friends come to us bringing, not only their gifts of all kinds, but their kind helpful words and hearty hand clasp; encouraging us to go forward. We desire to thank societies and friends who, from time to time, send us donations of jellies, jams, fruits, etc. We cannot tell you how much these gifts mean to us—words fail us to express our gratitude. We wish you could be present some day when your barrel, which you packed so carefully, arrives. We take the lid off and look for the name of the donor—we fail to find it but we go on with the unpacking—if you could hear the exclamations as the glasses are brought forth: "Look, isn't that delicious," and again, "That must be fine," and "I wouldn't mind being sick when you get all those good things," and so it goes on until the barrel is emptied and, alas, we can not find anything to indicate who the good friend is who sent the gift, so it goes on our record, barrel of fruit, donor unknown.

We have kept one of the most en-

couraging, helpful features of our work for the closing of our report. Each institution under the care of the Association has a band of twenty-five young women associated with it called a Young Women's Auxiliary. It would take a great deal of time to tell you of all the work these splendid young women do. At the holiday season they beautify and adorn our buildings with their deft fingers until the Christmas spirit meets you as you enter the doors. The Thanksgiving dinner in Columbia is provided by its young women; the Christmas dinner in the Orphans' Home is provided by its young women. They meet every month and plan and work for the advancement of those for whom we are responsible. On Donation Days and at our Annual Lawn Fete they count it a joy and a privilege to assist in every way possible, and when, at times, the managers grow weary and perplexed and sorely tried, the inspiration we receive from these enthusiastic, energetic young women, helps us to renewed effort, and encourages us to go forward.

We have some invitations for you. Our Lawn Fete will be held on the 20th of June, afternoon and evening. Come and join us, meet your friends, see one of the largest gatherings of United Presbyterians you ever saw.

We celebrate our fortieth anniversary next October. Our church papers will, from time to time, tell you all about it, and we want you to come and rejoice with us, as we recount the showers of blessings that have been sent to us.

We feel sure you want to join our Association. Mrs. D. W. McNaugher will be glad to receive your membership fee. One dollar will pay for an annual membership, twenty-five dollars for a life membership, and one hundred dollars will make you a life director.

We close our report with the heartiest thanks to all who have made our work possible and interesting and successful, and trust that in the years to come we shall gather so close to our loving Father that we may be drawn nearer to each other.

Signed,

(Mrs. George) Jean S. Sands.

By order of the Association.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD.

By Field Secretaries.

SOME ONE has said that Old Mexico can be described in three words: "Sun! Silence! Adobe!" Written across my past year's record, I seem to see just miles! miles! and miles!

Oh, if real achievements could but measure up with the magnificent distances covered! But our heavenly Father knows all about the hindrances, and I trust that He and you can read between the lines of this report, at least loyal devotion to Him and the work I am privileged to represent.

Note-book figures show three Presbyterials attended, four Young Women's Missionary Societies organized, and one hundred and twenty-seven meetings held. The ten points of efficiency are proving an effective means of bringing societies up to a high degree of excellence along all lines of the W. G. M. S. I plead for the faithful adoption of this Stand-

ard of Efficiency in senior and young women's societies. Copies will be furnished for free distribution, a little later at Board headquarters.

Pageants and stereopticon views of our mission fields have quickened, deepened and stimulated interest in a vivid, realistic way; a more general use of spectacular entertainments and exhibits is heartily recommended, because things seen through the "eye-gate" have the shortest route to the heart.

I have emphasized the four outstanding features or factors in the work of our General Missionary Society, viz., Women, Money, Education, Prayer.

What a splendid response American women have made to the call of physical need since the war began. It is so big, so insistent, so urgent; it touches us so vitally. Many women who before have had no interests beyond the home or community, are now thinking in world terms, and the amount of relief work accomplished is beyond the imagination to conceive.

But we must not shut our hearts to the fact that the spiritual need of this old world holds the greatest challenge, never so appealing and urgent as today. The nail-pierced hands beckon us to the multitudes perishing for the Bread of Life, but the sound of the world's battle is in our ears, and the cause of missions is facing defeat *at the hands of its friends.*

Do you know that in scores of places Red Cross work has depleted the missionary society? Do you know that, unless a reaction sets in, that dreaded word "Retrenchment" must be sounded and some missions closed in consequence?

We enlisted under Christ's banner long before this war cloud threatened our peace and our homes. We have pledged our loyal support to the work entrusted to our hands by the General Assembly, and oh, the pity, the shame of it if any other call should turn us aside. It has not been a deliberate act on the part of our women, some have been caught in the impelling rush of these nerve-racking times and carried past the point of higher obligations. Let us stand firm and put first things first. These are days when "the courage of the commonplace is greater than the courage of the crisis," it is so much easier to follow the band than to stay by the stuff, but the day is coming—rapidly, too—when the Master's "Well done" will suffice for all the pain and the struggle and to know that we have sought to please Him first of all, will be immeasurably sweet. We will do, yes we'll overdo our bit for the sake of our boys under the colors, but above the stars and stripes Christ's banner will be unfurled and "it must not suffer loss."

At the risk of being thought an alarmist I am compelled to say that the attitude of the average young woman of our church toward the W. G. M. S. is a matter for the gravest consideration. With the exception of a few splendid societies, the majority of our young women are not getting in line for the responsibilities which will be theirs if our women's work continues to be the wonderful force it is at the present time. A recent letter from one young woman is a fair example of numbers of so-called missionary societies. This dear girl writes regretfully, "It was voted to do away with the machinery of an organization," and without the necessary machinery to hold them steady and true to the course marked out for them, they will drift into a merely social club affair, where they will find scores of

others stranded. Another young woman frankly acknowledged that she was a receptacle from which a dollar each year was extracted for special work. Some, I trust they are few, prefer to contribute to any thing that takes their fancy rather than to the seven departments which we are pledged to support.

Where shall we place the blame for this alarming situation? Right at our own doors. We mothers have failed to enlist our daughters at a time when we could have won them as recruits for this important part of the service.

Our senior societies, except with rare exceptions, have made little effort to group the young girls, after they have passed the junior stage into King's Daughter Bands or mission circles where they might find scope for energy and interest in definite work. It has been an inexcusable neglect—God give us opportunity to amend, and grace to use it.

We pass naturally from women to a second essential—money. This war is teaching us that money is the cheapest thing in the world. The heart grows sick when we try to think of the millions molded into munitions of war to carry death and ruin to lives and homes, when a thousandth part devoted to missions would have been sufficient to educate and Christianize the nations of the earth. But we can point with pride and a satisfaction to our own splendid financial system where wise conservation and investment are bringing in returns in precious souls for the Kingdom. Since we are doing business with this firm, let us be sure we know the regulations, "All missionary society funds to be held sacred to the W. G. M. S. treasury. Contributions to the seven departments of work equal at least to previous year."

Local society treasury never to be tapped to meet special needs! What a blessing the Isaiah 41:6 Fund has become! and I want to thank the women who, for the sake of their little sister Presbyterials have kindly contributed in this special way to provide a fund that will insure a general representation at our General Convention.

The Thank-Offering is our crown jewel for which the seven departments of work furnish a becoming setting, like the Holy City resting upon its seven hills.

Education.

The answer to the query about our silent two-thirds has been found. It is lack of knowledge. And the antidote is furnished, too, in mission study and Magazine reading.

Prayer.

The greatest power ever put into human hands! The key to the King's Treasure House! A great man of prayer has said that prayer has set in motion every Christian movement the world has ever known. That it is the great human secret of all originality and initiative, and it will be the decisive human factor in the mastery of the world. We are facing a year of unusual conditions. From a human standpoint, we should be recalling our workers and preparing to retire from business, but instead we know we are going to win through because we are learning the secret of prayer, and we will know the cost of prayer, too.

Our prayer-hearing God is the silent partner in this firm of ours. Let us plan large things with the absolute assurance that He wants to make this a crowning year of temporal and spiritual blessings. Now abide these four prime requisites, each fitting into the composite seal of our corporated body—Women,

Money, Education, Prayer. But the greatest is *prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JEANNETTE C. ALTER,
Field Secretary.

REPORT OF KATE A. HILL, FIELD SECRETARY, 1918.

From May until end of September I was with my father, and also visited a number of our societies in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Iowa. In September and October presented the Canvass of "Things to Do" in Muskingum and First Ohio. There were many calls for Thank-Offering addresses. It has been a year of great opportunities. The following is the results of the canvass of "Things to Do" made in a number of Presbyterials:

	Join a Missionary Society	Join a Young Women's Missionary Society	Pledge Regular Attendance	Act as Superintendent of Junior Society	Assist Y. W. M. S.	Lead a Mission Study Class	Join a Mission Study Class	Subscribe for Women's Missionary Magazine	Subscribe for Junior Missionary Magazine	Secure Prayer Cycle Make Daily Use	Increase Thank-Offering	Use Thank-Offering Box	Increase Monthly Offering	Become Life Member	Make Some Junior a Life Member
First Ohio	63	19	94	4	28	8	49	93	20	58	136	105	59	2	3
Muskingum	35	23	90	6	19	10	50	51	15	96	131	67	71	6	5
Steubenville (10 Societies)	37	16	.....	5	10	1	5	32	6	44	65	58	16	2	1
Monmouth	124	4	124	18	29	14	47	50	22	101	150	63	59	7	2
Chicago (6 Societies)	68	37	113	3	26	2	51	86	25	156	134	93	41	1	3
Cedar Rapids (8 Societies)	33	9	31	4	14	3	15	25	12	65	55	13	34	1	....
College Springs (5 Soc.)	24	4	17	2	4	3	25	23	9	24	36	29	14	....	1
Big Spring (6 Soc.)	28	7	24	1	4	2	15	22	14	76	55	28	28	....	....
Delaware (3 Soc.)	39	16	32	1	19	.....	5	35	19	28	58	31	20	....	2
Rock Island (6 Soc.)	21	24	24	1	4	3	26	12	6	44	38	31	13	....	....
Conemaugh (5 Soc.)	37	10	54	3	6	2	13	57	7	51	67	45	22	8	5
Southern Ill. (8 Soc.)	45	9	66	8	15	.....	13	38	43	34	59	56	20	2	1
Individual Societies	49	7	18	2	14	2	37	23	14	41	35	36	18	1	2
TOTAL	603	182	687	65	193	41	386	537	281	929	1019	656	415	30	25

In October the women of First Ohio asked me to go and visit our Missionary Society in Stanton, Ky. It had always been a dream I hoped would some day come true that I would get to see our work in the South. During the first two weeks of December I visited Stanton and spoke at their Thank-Offering service. The memory of that visit will long be an inspiration to me. I also visited Hatton Creek, the Furnace Clay City. Frenchburg, here I spent three days of delightful fellowship with our workers. It is a beautiful spot and our well equipped school is doing a far-reaching work for the people of Menefee County.

An elder in one of the Ohio congregations made it possible for me to get on to Knoxville to visit the College. I was so glad that our women of the Church have a part in that wonderful institution. I will not soon forget the singing of the girls in the MacDill Home.

The winter was spent in Chicago with my father. While there the Chicago churches made a canvass of "Things to Do" with good results.

In April I went to our societies in the Home Mission fields of Texas and Oklahoma and Nebraska. Thus during the year I touched every department of our work. In the autumn I made many Thank-Offering addresses. I also was with our home missionaries: Miss Sallie Dickey, at Alliance, Ohio, and Miss Edith Warnock, San Antonio, Texas. In many of these home mission stations I was entertained in the comfortable par-

sonages provided by our Board and then at Frenchburg I again touched the Home Mission Department and at MacDill Home, the Freedmen's.

I passed through Tama Indian Reservation once or twice but I had visited the mission last year. All the time in all these places I was a foreign missionary representing India.

The weekly prayer meeting in Pittsburgh has continued. Also the monthly meeting in Philadelphia and New York. The women of Chicago and Cleveland have begun a monthly meeting and the women of Monmouth of their own iniative have begun to meet monthly. I feel now these are becoming permanent features of our women's work.

Through the year I have been gratified to find the very best of every congregation are the leaders in W. M. S. and I am sure that in the last "Grand Review" these faithful ones will have a place at the very front.

Forty-five societies have been added to the list of Women's Missionary Societies. This places thirteen of our sixty-three Presbyterials on the Honor Roll of having a society in every congregation. Only one hundred and six congregations have no missionary organization.

All through the year we have worked earnestly to secure the 10,000 subscribers for our Women's Missionary Magazine. There have been many new subscribers but many old ones have fallen off. Some through carelessness and some to economize. Surely next year we will go "over the top" with our 16,500 subscribers. There are more readers than subscribers which is encouraging.

Our societies are to be commended for their zeal and faithfulness. The weakest place I have found is in the monthly program. No club woman begins at ten o'clock to prepare her paper for the club. Many of our women do. Let us try to feel the importance of making our monthly program bright, entertaining and informing. *Never allow any one to read out of the Magazine.*

I also found many women were content with giving ten cents a month as "dues." There should be no "dues," but instead a monthly offering. Let us keep our mission societies efficient and alert, so that when this war is over all the love, service, life, prayer and money that is now being poured out for the relief of war sufferers may be turned into missionary channels.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE A. HILL,
Field Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

IN PRESENTING the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society, we desire, first of all, to express sincere and hearty thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His continued blessing upon our labors, enabling us, as in years gone by, to meet promptly every obligation during the year and to close every department of the work with a substantial balance with which to enter upon the work of the New Year.

All success has come from the Lord, and with hearts overflowing with gratitude we can say, "Not unto us, Lord, not to us, but do thou the glory take to thine own name even for thy truth and thy mercy's sake."

The total actual receipts for the year reached the unprecedented sum of $228,245.06, an increase of $11,076 over those of the previous year.

The principal sources from which this income has been realized are the regular funds of Missionary Societies, supplemented by their annual Thank-Offerings. During the past year, the gifts from Presbyterial Societies, exclusive of Thank-Offerings amounted to $80,534.33. Forty (40) Presbyterials increased their offerings over those of the past year, their increases totaling $5198.53, while the decreases in the other twenty-four (24) amounted to $3538.29, making the net increase from this source *only* $1659.24. As societies increase in number and membership, and members become better informed concerning the work and its needs, we feel that there should be a steady increase in the gifts from every Presbyterial.

The 1916 Thank-Offering, which amounted to $77,646.33, is included in our total receipts this year. This offering was reported at the last Convention, formally laid on God's altar, and with prayer and praise consecrated to His service. The following June it was distributed to the various departments of work. Note carefully the distribution:

To Foreign Missions, $37,677.50 was given, while the receipts of this department from all other sources throughout the whole year amounted to only $41,000.

To Home Missions, $9305.00, gifts from other sources being $15,000.

To Indian Missions, $3,000.00, all other sources yielding $3383.19.

To Freedmen's Missions, $17,008.00, while only $8,000 was received from all other sources.

To Parsonage Department, $1,000.00, while other gifts, exclusive of re-payments, amounted to $1783.50.

To Ministerial Relief, $728.68.

To Junior Life Membership fund, $1580.00.

To Senior Life Membership $5475.00.

As the Board had previously decided that all Life Membership fees should be applied to the improvements on the Tanta Hospital building, these two items were transferred to the Tanta Hospital Account and are included in its receipts.

The Contingent Fund received $1747.15 from the Thank-Offering; Columbia Hospital $120 and the Girls' Boarding School, Tanta $5.00, the last two being so designated.

Thus, you see, the Thank-Offering is truly a most important factor in the support of every department of work under the care of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Every year we are encouraged by the receipt of legacies from devoted workers whom the Lord has called to the heavenly home. Such gifts are greatly appreciated and carefully applied as directed, and thus the life work of the donor is projected beyond the period of earthly existence. Last year $225.00 was received from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker; $475.00 for Tanta Hospital from Miss Mattie D. Smith; $470.02 for Mountaineer work from Margaret H. Bruce; also two (2) bonds, $1,000 each, residuary bequest of Mattie D. Smith, one for Freedmen's Missions and the other for Mountaineer work.

The Annuity Fund is steadily increasing. During the past year, Annuities amounting to $12,700 have been received in sums ranging from $50 to $3,000. All Annuity money is safely invested. This method of giving is recommended to those who wish their money, or any part of it, to go finally to mission work. During life the annuitant receives a stated in-

come, without any worry incident to investment of funds, and at death the principal is used in the work as the donor desires. Heretofore we have published the names of annuitants, but as we have had requests to withhold some of the names, we deem it wise to report none.

Our Life Directorship roll is growing very slowly. Last year we reported Mrs. J. P. MacDanel as our first Life Director. Fourteen other names have been added during the year; six being on Memorial Roll and nine on Active Roll.

Any person may become a Life Director, or give the honor to another, by the payment of $300.00, and thus secure all the privileges of a Life Member and in addition may attend any afternoon session of a regular meeting of the Women's Board.

Our receipts also include $1923 of interest on endowment funds, which was applied to the support of the institutions for which the endowments were given; $626.96 of interest on India Equipment Fund, and $2107.35 on fund for Girls' Boarding School, Tanta. These interests were added to principals and used only for these institutions.

Two funds, for which we are truly grateful, are the Ministerial Relief and the Isaiah Fund; the one enabling us to bring some cheer and comfort into homes of distress and sorrow and the other making it possible for weak Presbyterials to have a representative at the Annual Convention, and thus share in the interest and inspiration of this meeting.

During the year $2331.18 were received for our Ministerial Department and $1261.25 were disbursed. Many can testify to the relief and joy this department has brought to them. The receipts for Isaiah Fund amounted to $765.85 and nine (9) Presbyterials have delegates present at this Convention aided by this fund.

Many individual gifts have been received, some for salaries of missionaries, many for Emma Dean Anderson's Home for Women in India. The names and amounts of these will be listed in the July Magazine.

The total disbursements for the year were $243,294.84, about $15,000.00 in excess of receipts, salaries alone amounting to almost $73,000.00, leaving a balance of $119,360.56. This balance includes the Tanta School Building Fund of $42,820.57 and $14,080 contributed for the remodeling of Tanta Hospital and furnishing its rooms; conditions still remaining, owing to the war, most unfavorable for erection of new building. It also includes the India Fund of $16,682.38 and other special funds, leaving a balance of more than $30,000 to enter upon the work of the new year, with increased expenditures along every line.

Presbyterial treasurers are to be commended for their cheerful and efficient co-operation in handling the funds. The majority are regular and systematic in their remittances, some remitting every month and many quarterly. We would suggest to the few irregular ones that remittances be made at least quarterly and all should be in even dollars, except Thank-Offering.

As we stand on the threshold of another year, twelve months in anticipation promise many opportunities of service, and hope stirs the heart and kindles new zeal to labor that another year's report shall show greater results.

ENDOWMENTS

MARTHA J. McKOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TANTA, EGYPT.

Mrs. I. H. Jamison	$1,000.00
John Denham and Sisters	1,000.00
Mrs. O. E. P. Stokes	1,000.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00
Mary Gettis Carson	1,000.00
Margaret Armstrong Carson	1,000.00
Mrs. Eliza Clokey	1,000.00
Argyle O. Y. P. C. U.	1,000.00
W. M. S., Chartiers Presbytery	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary B. Reid	1,000.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	1,000.00
Margaret Louise Dales	1,000.00
Mrs. Margaret McKallor	1,000.00
William Harvey	1,000.00
Eleanor Porterfield	1,000.00
Rev. Alexander McLeod Milligan	1,000.00
Mrs. Lucy Young	

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, JHELUM, INDIA.

Anna Reid	600.00
Mrs. Sarah A. Reed	600.00
Mrs. Ellen Dean	600.00
Miss Lulu Dean	600.00
Mrs. I. H. Jamison and Miss Herron	600.00
Gordon Memorial	600.00
Mrs. Martha E. Wilson	600.00
M. A. Krohn	600.00
W. M. S., Mercer Presbytery	600.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00
C. D. Bent	600.00
Paul Krohn	600.00
Junior Life Membership	350.00

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SIALKOT, INDIA.

Mrs. Mary B. Reid	600.00
Three (3) Junior Life Memberships	1,050.00
Isabel Milligan	600.00
Jane Anita Milligan	350.00
Mrs. A. M. Stewart	650.00
Mr. J. M. Stewart	350.00
Margaret Williams	350.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Adair Currie	600.00
Edith M. Fulton	600.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00
Mrs. Ella Easton McGowan	600.00

WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PASRUR, INDIA.

Xenia Presbyterial W. M. S.	600.00

JUBILEE HOSPITAL, HENDERSON, N. C.

Junior Life Membership	500.00

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDING, APRIL 15, 1918.

	Bal. April 15, 1917 Dr.	Bal. April 15, 1917 Cr.	Receipts	Disbursmts.	Bal. April 15, 1918 Dr.	Bal. April 15, 1918 Cr.
Foreign Missions, General	.....	1377.35	60461.17	60443.47	.....	1395.05
Foreign Missions, Salaries	.....	10029.43	43601.36	42384.09	.....	11246.70
Girls' School, Sialkot	.....	293.57	722.00	880.00	.....	135.57
Girls' School, Sangla Hill .	.....	204.00	334.00	227.00	.....	311.00
Girls' School, Luxor	.....	170.42	364.00	390.00	.....	144.42
Sialkot Hospital	.....	770.22	1379.33	1380.00	.....	769.55
Jhelum Hospital	.....	169.59	809.00	790.00	.....	188.59
Tanta Hospital	.....	6478.39	10428.94	2826.94	.....	14080.39
Foreign Missions, Special	.....	6571.34	4174.25	10365.00	.....	380.59
Home Missions, General ..	.....	8490.21	24413.59	24870.36	.....	8033.44
Indian Missions, U. S. ...	.....	1930.10	6383.19	4890.25	.....	3423.04
Freedmen's Mission, Gen'l	.....	2468.11	25433.72	23421.78	.....	4480.05
Church Ex. & Parsonage ..	.....	22975.20	21710.68	15680.02	.....	29005.86
Junior Special	.....	.....	2500.00	2500.00	.....	.....
Young Women's Special ..	.....	.....	4055.00	4055.00	.....	.....
Ministerial Relief	.....	1298.18	2331.18	1261.25	.....	2368.11
Orphans' Home, Allegheny	.....	.....	426.00	426.00	.....	.....
Columbia Hospital	.....	.....	227.00	227.00	.....	.....
Aged Peoples' Home	.....	.....	117.25	117.25	.....	.....
Itinerating Fund	.....	200.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	5148.51	4734.30	.....	414.21
Life Memberships, Senior	.....	.....	5475.00	5475.00	.....	.....
Life Memberships, Junior	.....	.....	1580.00	1580.00	.....	.....
Temperance	.....	794.02	1096.80	752.42	.....	1138.40
Loan Investments	20866.53	.....	1196.92	5600.00	25269.61	.....
Legacies	.....	13634.90	1170.02	12220.02	.....	2584.90
Women's Missionary Mag.	.....	.....	240.00	240.00	.....	.....
G. B. S. Tanta Build. Fund	.....	54958.20	2112.35	14250.00	.....	42820.55
Mary Herron Rest Home .	.....	190.00	785.00	975.00	.....	.....
Junior Magazine Reserve.	.....	436.00	94.00	.....	.....	530.00
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	.....	705.05	765.85	505.00	.....	965.90
India Equipment Fund ...	.....	14480.43	3506.95	1305.00	.....	16682.38
Annuities	.....	5700.00	12700.00	18400.00	.....	.....
Annuities Expense	.....	.....	902.71	902.71	.....	.....
Robert Telford Fund	.....	950.00	.....	950.00	.....	.....
E. J. Walker Estate	.....	2.16	89.90	.....	.....	92.06
Junior Mis. Magazine	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
Investment Income	.....	.....	679.30	569.89	.....	109.41
G. B. S., Sargodha	.....	.....	1680.00	.....	.....	1680.00
Life Directorships, Undes.	.....	.....	1650.00	.....	.....	1650.00
			*250769.97	265819.75		
Less Transfer of Funds ..	.....	.....	22524.91	22524.91	.....	.....
TOTALS	$20866.53	$155276.87	$228245.06	$ 243294.84	$ 25269.61	$144630.17

Cash Balance on Hand, April 15, 1917	$134410.34
Receipts for the Year Ending April 15, 1918	228245.06
TOTAL	$362655.40
Disbursements for the Year Ending April 15, 1918.....	243294.84
Cash Balance on Hand, April 15, 1918	$119360.56

*Receipts include the 1916 Thank-Offering.

I have made a careful examination of the accounts of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1918, and find everything correct. Above is a correct statement of receipts and disbursements for the year and of balances at the beginning and close of the year.

A. F. SAWHILL, Auditor.

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Missions	Foreign Salaries	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Freedmen's Missions	Junior Special	Church Erection and Parsonage	Ministerial Relief	Young Women's Special	Junior Life Membership	Senior Life Membership	Contingent Fund	Women's Asso. Work: Orphans' Home	Women's Asso. Work: Home for Aged People	Women's Asso. Work: Columbia Hospital	Temperance	Isaiah 41:6 Fund	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Albany	35.00	236.00	25.00	.....	.....	14.00	.....	1.00	15.00	.....	.....	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	13.00	1.00	.....	343.00
Allegheny	2484.00	2291.00	1694.00	343.00	672.00	320.00	211.00	177.00	305.00	.....	.....	210.00	.....	.....	.....	73.00	42.00	754.00	9576.00
Argyle	35.00	550.00	465.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	1.00	.....	1080.00
Arkansas Valley	174.00	399.00	79.00	39.00	49.00	31.00	25.00	26.00	37.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	7.00	1.00	890.00
Beaver Valley	450.00	615.00	327.40	107.00	246.00	57.00	60.00	73.00	255.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	64.00	46.00	25.00	2330.40
Big Spring	221.00	10.00	102.00	26.00	31.00	33.00	7.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	.....	440.00
Boston	82.00	550.00	76.00	38.00	51.00	15.00	5.00	23.00	12.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	875.00
Brookville	65.00	92.00	52.00	29.00	37.00	2.00	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	3.00	13.00	.....	305.00
Butler	304.00	650.00	216.00	87.00	123.00	80.00	67.00	58.00	132.00	.....	.....	.....	128.00	5.00	5.00	65.00	24.00	.....	1944.00
Caledonia	326.00	242.00	236.00	66.00	160.00	13.00	27.00	25.00	105.00	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	5.00	.....	1252.00
Cedar Rapids	322.00	550.00	30.00	147.00	54.00	46.00	11.00	11.00	20.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	1203.00
Chartiers	378.00	1831.50	371.00	103.00	245.00	131.00	57.00	57.00	353.00	.....	.....	31.00	48.00	25.00	20.00	72.00	29.00	2.00	3753.50
Chicago	160.00	550.00	150.00	50.00	95.00	58.00	34.00	21.00	10.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	19.00	6.00	.....	1158.00
Cleveland	410.00	765.00	430.00	80.00	145.00	93.00	68.00	53.00	120.00	.....	.....	10.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	24.00	28.75	.....	2237.75
College Springs	40.00	1125.00	79.00	38.00	67.00	53.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	9.00	7.00	1549.00
Colorado	140.00	534.00	91.00	34.00	81.00	34.00	39.00	38.00	78.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	11.00	10.00	.....	1095.00
Concordia	43.00	82.00	34.50	7.00	24.00	4.00	2.00	3.00	18.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	4.00	.....	.....	223.50
Conemaugh	43.00	455.00	32.00	2.00	45.00	62.00	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	6.00	.....	662.00
Delaware	182.00	484.00	143.00	55.00	60.00	44.40	11.00	15.00	73.00	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	25.00	6.00	1.00	1109.40
Des Moines	75.00	505.00	136.00	22.00	29.00	19.00	18.00	8.00	54.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	3.00	9.00	.....	888.00
Detroit	168.00	5.00	67.00	28.00	150.00	17.00	14.00	21.00	60.00	.....	.....	10.00	5.00	.....	11.00	5.00	3.00	.....	564.00
Frankfort	197.00	.....	114.00	30.00	87.00	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	468.00
Garnett	28.00	154.00	35.00	9.00	26.00	16.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	.....	.....	.55	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.50	.....	300.05
Hudson	406.00	.....	41.00	7.00	10.00	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	13.00	1.00	500.00
Idaho	50.00	38.15	23.00	12.00	21.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	12.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00	14.00	.....	200.15
Illinois Central	39.00	108.00	37.00	.....	15.00	11.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215.00
Illinois Southern	83.00	1046.00	55.00	31.00	42.00	29.00	18.00	23.00	19.00	.....	.....	.....	11.00	4.00	4.00	21.00	6.00	.....	1392.00
Indiana	91.50	303.00	87.00	17.00	47.00	17.00	10.00	12.00	62.00	.....	.....	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	11.00	.....	.....	670.50
Indiana Northern	62.00	13.95	36.00	8.00	35.00	12.00	10.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.20	.....	200.15
Iowa Northwestern	33.30	.....	15.00	13.00	10.00	6.40	6.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	5.00	.....	94.70
Kansas City	105.00	223.00	82.00	33.00	44.00	10.00	11.00	19.00	27.00	.....	.....	5.02	11.00	8.00	3.00	11.00	8.00	.....	600.02
Keokuk	40.00	506.00	222.00	24.00	49.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	108.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	1.00	.....	967.00
Kiskiminetas	187.00	140.00	169.00	47.00	57.00	31.00	14.00	16.00	80.00	.....	.....	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	40.00	13.00	2.00	803.00
Lake	202.00	295.00	212.00	48.00	104.00	20.00	64.00	34.00	110.00	.....	.....	1.26	2.00	4.00	2.00	7.00	10.00	.....	1115.26
LeClaire	49.00	80.25	25.00	5.00	28.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	199.25
Los Angeles	368.00	550.00	163.00	95.00	93.00	23.00	60.00	50.00	77.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	22.00	15.00	.....	1521.00
Mansfield	133.00	135.00	38.00	36.00	43.00	40.00	.....	6.00	20.00	.....	.....	5.00	2.00	1.00	.....	4.00	2.00	.....	465.00
Mercer	72.00	600.00	67.00	21.00	53.00	79.00	5.00	9.00	114.00	.....	.....	5.00	57.00	5.00	6.00	19.00	5.00	.....	1117.00
Monmouth	155.00	560.00	132.00	87.00	105.00	28.00	46.00	42.00	100.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	47.00	18.95	.....	1325.00
Monongahela	1924.00	7451.00	2791.00	389.00	1312.00	400.00	266.00	224.00	499.00	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	168.00	125.00	11.00	15585.00
Muskingum	177.00	1100.00	130.00	48.00	115.00	68.00	43.00	33.00	136.00	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	5.00	.....	22.00	12.00	.....	1904.00
New Jersey	60.00	72.50	59.00	.....	20.00	4.00	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	255.50
New York	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Ohio First	187.00	750.00	225.00	33.00	134.00	50.00	57.00	63.00	132.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	28.00	14.00	1.00	1679.00
Oklahoma	21.00	50.00	29.25	7.00	9.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	.....	.....	.....	11.00	1.00	.....	1.00	4.50	7.90	.....	157.65
Omaha	149.00	.....	165.00	37.00	65.00	.....	31.00	17.00	104.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	13.30	1.00	589.30
Oregon	91.00	269.75	58.00	22.00	27.00	.....	21.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	12.00	.....	527.75
Pawnee	74.00	.....	62.00	42.00	48.00	20.00	19.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	13.00	.....	294.00
Philadelphia	409.00	550.00	468.00	33.00	66.00	131.00	38.00	23.00	171.00	.....	.....	5.00	30.00	.....	4.00	21.00	26.00	2.00	1977.00
Pittsburgh	50.00	.....	19.00	10.00	20.00	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00	5.00	122.00
Puget Sound	174.00	107.00	77.00	30.00	27.00	5.00	15.00	17.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	7.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	.....	495.00
Rock Island	421.00	135.00	111.00	60.00	63.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	95.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00	3.00	4.00	12.00	7.00	1.00	991.00
San Francisco	220.00	427.20	49.00	42.00	46.00	6.25	13.00	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	3.50	.....	826.65

Sidney																						
Spokane	273.00		115.00	26.00	65.00	22.00	16.00	15.00	13.00				1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	2.00	564.00
Stamford	38.00	44.00	49.00	6.00	8.00		7.00	6.00					5.00				4.00	4.00		171.00
Steubenville																				
Tennessee	196.00	356.00	147.00	58.00	80.00	8.00	59.00	16.00	200.00				5.00	6.00	1.00	6.00	24.00	31.00	100.00	1293.00
Texas	162.00		15.00	20.00	41.00	17.00			9.00								3.00	3.00		270.00
Uncompahgre	21.00	120.00	21.00	15.00	12.00		7.00	6.00					3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	12.00	4.50		226.50
Vermont	8.00	10.00	4.00	4.00	7.00													3.00		36.00
Westmoreland	28.00		19.00	13.00	14.00	5.15	1.00	6.00					.85							
Wheeling	548.00	759.00	511.00	144.00	237.00	84.00	151.00	111.00	68.00				5.00	19.00	5.00	5.00	33.00	13.75		100.75
Wisconsin	417.00	573.00	337.00	58.00	140.00	50.00	18.00	40.00	84.00				5.00	13.00	2.00	2.00	21.00	5.50		2685.50
Xenia	75.00		44.00	17.00	29.00	13.50	6.00	5.00							3.25		10.00	20.00	2.00	1782.00
The Barnes Family	377.00	1200.00	185.00	65.00	132.00	39.00	30.00	15.00	58.00				10.00	8.00			11.00	4.00		206.75
Mr. & Mrs. Beatty & Niece		125.00																23.00		2153.00
Miss Helen T. Brown		150.00																		125.00
Conemaugh Y. P. C. U.		555.00																		150.00
Mr. & Mrs. Taylor & Bro.		136.00																		555.00
2nd, New Wilmington		550.00																		136.00
Miss Anna A. Milligan		550.00																		550.00
Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D.D.		700.00																		550.00
McFarland Family		1600.00																		700.00
Norris Sq S. S., Phila.		450.00																		1600.00
North Bend Cong.		500.00																		450.00
Mr. Geo. M. Paden		687.00																		500.00
Miss Margaret A. Given		500.00																		687.00
Traer Cong.		600.00																		500.00
Miss Anne Wilson		550.00																		600.00
"Friends"		600.00																		550.00
Frenchburg School Board.		550.00																		600.00
Frenchburg Tuitions			450.00																	550.00
Industrial Depts.			600.00																	600.00
Interest																				550.00
Int. India Equip. Fund	3145.00	7.96	423.44		150.07															450.00
Int. G. B. S., Tanta					67.50		71.67													600.00
Interest Annuities													2301.70							150.67
Income E. J. Walker Prop.																		889.30		6906.57
Refunds																		626.99		626.99
S. S. Classes and Cong.	203.26		352.98	229.84	8.40													2107.35		2107.35
Warm Spring S. S., Cong.	114.75	9.00	155.00	100.00	10.00			25.00										422.82		422.82
Sale of Rpts, Manls, etc.	36.00			38.35	36.00													89.90		89.90
Y. P. C. U. & C. E. S.	6.01																			
W. M. S., 2nd, Indiana	45.00				12.45									10.00			40.00			859.48
W. M. S. Wyoming	300.00		58.00															50.00		448.75
Missionary Societies																				110.35
W. M. Magazine	57.00	20.00	12.00	9.00	60.00	12.00	5.00	5.00									9.30			27.76
Jr. M. Assn, All'y Pres.	200.00				500.00															103.00
Sale of Exhibits			3.00											1.00						300.00
M. S. C., 1st, N. S., Pg'h	35.00				8.30												7.00	1500.00		1500.00
Legacies																		3.00		191.00
Paym't by Noy Steele																				700.00
Friends of Mrs. Brown	523.62				108.00															3.00
Individual Gifts	3888.75	388.00	50.00	3.00	723.00	22.30														8.30
Annuities								5.00					625.00							35.00
Life Directorships																		*1170.02		1170.02
Rock Valley Mortgage	468.00																			108.00
Payments on Loans					312.00												5.00			523.62
India Equip. Fund																		53.00		5763.05
Home of Cents																		12700.00		12700.00
1918 Thank-Offering						18850.51												1650.00		1650.00
	37677.50		3305.00	3000.00	17003.00		1000.00	728.68		1580.00	5475.00	3.98								780.00
Actual Receipts	61942.69	40478.26	23493.87	6323.18	24853.72	2500.00	21710.68	2331.18	4065.00			1747.15						1196.92		20047.43
Remittances	17480.00	3135.00	820.00		490.00										120.00			2869.96		2869.96
Grand Total	79422.69	43613.26	24313.87	6323.18	25343.72	2500.00	21710.68	2331.18	4065.00	1580.00	5475.00	5148.51	426.00	117.25	227.00	1096.80	765.85	5.00		77646.33
																		26262.26	233245.00	
																		569.89	23524.91	
																		26832.15	256769.97	

MONTHLY REPORT OF WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

June 4, 1918.

The Board re-organized with the following officers elected and committees appointed for the ensuing year:

President: Mrs. J. D. Sands, 137 Roup St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

1st Vice President: Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, 1201 6th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

2nd Vice President: Miss Carrie M. Reed, 1806 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. H. Maxwell, 1454 W. Market St., Steubenville, Ohio.

Foreign Secretary: Mrs. H. C. Campbell, 2006 Wendover St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Home Secretary: Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, 1201, 6th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

Indian Secretary: Mrs. John S. Crawford, 95 Trenton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Freedmen's Secretary: Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, 1112 South Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Literature Secretary: Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, 5534 Kentucky Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Temperance Secretary: Mrs. R. C. Morton, 2020 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., N. S.

Thank-Offering Secretary: Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, 2828 Perrysville Ave., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Young Women's Secretary: Miss Ida B. Little, 132 Allison Ave., Washington, Pa.

Junior Secretary: Mrs. I. H. Milliken, 205 Lexington Ave., Aspinwall, Pa.

Junior Magazine Editor and Business Manager: Miss Carrie M. Reed, 1806 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Statistical Secretary: Mrs. D. J. Brown, 15 N. Fremont Ave., Bellevue, Pa.

Parsonage Secretary: Mrs. J. D. Sands, 123 Roup St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Financial Secretary: Miss Ida B. Little, 132 Allison Ave., Washington, Pa.

Railroad Secretary: Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Ben Avon, Pa.

Field Secretaries: Mrs. J. C. Alter, Women's Board Rooms, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Kate A. Hill, Women's Board Rooms, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Executive Committee: Mrs. J. D. Sands, Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, Miss Carrie M. Reed, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mrs. J. H. Maxwell, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mrs. M. C. Porter.

Editorial Committee: Miss R. Elibabeth Milligan, Miss Carrie M. Reed, Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. R. C. Morton, Mrs. M. C. Porter.

Finance Committee: Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mrs. H. C. Campbell.

Junior Committee: Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Mrs. M. C. Porter, Miss Carrie M. Reed, Miss Ida B. Little.

Mjssionary Application Committee: Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mrs. John S. Crawford.

Addresses Committee: Mrs. John S. Crawford, Mrs. R. C. Morton, Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. W. R. Wilson.

Printing Committee: Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Miss Carrie M. Reed.

Rooms Committee: Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. M. C. Porter, Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan.

Isaiah Fund Committee: Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Miss Ida B. Little.

MRS. J. H. MAXWELL, Secretary.

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIA.

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, appointed 1881, Home for Women, Gurdaspur.

Miss Hazel Bennett, appointed 1909, Gujranwala.

Miss Lena J. Brotherston, appointed 1906, Campbellpur.

Miss Alice G. Burnham, appointed 1915, Zafarwal.

Miss A. Laura Cleland, appointed 1903, Sargodha.

Miss Henrietta Cowden, appointed 1905, Pasrur.

Miss Laura G. Dickson, appointed 1897, Gurdaspur.

Miss Margaret Fehlman, appointed 1913, Gurdaspur.

Miss Bessie Fleming, appointed 1913, Girls' Boarding School, Sangla Hill.

Miss E. M. Gordon, appointed 1893, Jhelum.

Miss Nancy Hadley, appointed 1904, Zafarwal.

Miss L. B. Hamilton, appointed 1908, Sangla Hill.

Miss Marietta Hamilton, appointed 1916, Gujranwala.

Miss Flora Jameson, appointed 1903, Girls' Boarding School, Sangla Hill.

Miss Wilhelmina Jongewaard, M. D., appointed 1915, Memorial Hospital, Sialkot City.

Miss Harriett Jongewaard, appointed 1915, Pasrur.

Miss Mary Kyle, appointed 1904, Pasrur.

Miss Olive Laing, appointed 1912, Girls' Boarding School, Sialkot City.

Miss Mary A. Lawrence, appointed 1893, Rawalpindi.

Miss Mary E. Logan, appointed 1891, Jhelum.

Miss Fanny C. Martin, appointed 1895, Rawalpindi.

Miss Jane E. Martin, appointed 1906, Khangah Dogran.

Miss E. Josephine Martin, appointed 1896, Avalon Girls' School, Pathankot.

Miss Mary R. Martin, appointed 1890, Girls' Boarding School, Sialkot City.

Miss Jean Morrison, appointed 1895, Lyallpur.

Miss Henrietta Moore, appointed 1898, Madhopur.

Miss Sara A. Moore, appointed 1917, Madhopur.

Miss Lillian A. McConnell, appointed 1902, Lyallpur.

Miss Rose A. McCullough, appointed 1879, Gujranwala.

Miss Elizabeth McCahon, appointed 1875, Sialkot City.

Miss Louise Scott, appointed 1916, Gujranwala.

Miss Mabel C. Stewart, appointed 1915, Sialkot City.

Miss Martha Strong, appointed 1915, Sargodha.

Miss Ruth A. Warnock, appointed 1913, Sargodha.

Miss Josephine L. White, appointed 1884, Campbellpur.

Miss Dora Whitely, appointed 1911, Pasrur.

HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM INDIA.

Miss Eleanor W. Maconachie, appointed 1909, 904 Publication Bldg., 9th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Roma Beatty, appointed 1909, Shadyside, Ohio.

Miss Minnie E. Beatty, appointed 1912, R. F. D. 4, Chicora, Pa.

Miss Lois Buchanan, appointed 1910, Monmouth, Ill.

Miss Mary J. Campbell, appointed 1884, 626 Baltimore St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Miss Kate A. Hill, appointed 1896, 904 Publication Bldg., 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss J. P. Simpson, M. D., appointed 1902, 220 Park Ave., New Castle, Pa.

Miss Maria White, M. D., appointed 1886, 314 Boyles Ave., New Castle, Pa.

EGYPT.

Miss Mary E. Baird, appointed 1913, Zagazig.

Miss Anna B. Criswell, appointed 1905, Assiut.

Miss Ida L. Cabeen, appointed 1909, Zagazig.

Miss Beulah Chalmers, appointed 1917, Cairo.

Miss Ruth Margaret Eddy, appointed 1914, Mansoura.

Miss Davida M. Finney, appointed 1914, Mansoura.

Miss Minnehaha Finney, appointed 1894, Tanta.

Mrs. T. J. Finney, appointed 1916, Cairo.

Miss Elsie French, appointed 1909, Cairo.

Miss Alfaretta Hammond, appointed 1904, Fayoum.

Miss Rena Hogg, appointed 1896, now in Scotland.

Miss May Holland, appointed 1913, Tanta.

Miss Florence A. Hutchison, appointed 1916, Cairo.

Miss Isabel Hosack, appointed 1912, Cairo.

Miss Helen Jeannette Martin, appointed 1915, Cairo.

Miss Olive T. Mason, appointed 1912, Alexandria.

Miss Roxie Martin, appointed 1901, Cairo.

Miss Anna McConnaughy, appointed 1903, Cairo.

Miss Carol McMillan, appointed 1906, Tanta.

Miss Jeannette McCrory, appointed 1916, Cairo.

Miss Mary M. Pattison, appointed 1912, Cairo.

Miss Margaret Smith, appointed 1872, Cairo.

Miss A. Y. Thompson, appointed 1871, Cairo.

Miss Mary L. Thompson, appointed 1917, Cairo.

Miss Laura Walker, appointed 1904, Alexandria.

Miss Ida B. Whitesides, appointed 1913, Luxor.

Miss Ruth A. Work, appointed 1904, Assiut.

HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM EGYPT.

Miss Alda B. Atchison, appointed 1904, Albia, Iowa.

Miss Carrie Buchanan, appointed 1893, Hebron, Ind.

Miss Margaret Bell, appointed 1901, Tarkio, Mo.

E. M. Barnes, appointed 1911.

Ella Downie, appointed 1913.

Miss Edna Jean Giffen, appointed 1915, Xenia, Ohio.

Nellie C. Smith, appointed 1911.

Miss Sadie Thompson, appointed 1913, 510 North Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Roe O. Williams, appointed 1911, Van Nuys, Cal.

SUDAN.

Miss Sarah Isabella Dight, appointed 1914, Khartum North.

Miss Elsie Grove, appointed 1912, Khartum North.

Miss Emma McKeown, appointed 1916, Khartum North.

SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS*

OF THE

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PRESIDENTS

Place of Meeting	Name	Presbytery
1883, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. Nancy Hyslop Collins	Philadelphia
1884, Sparta, Ill.	Miss Eliza B. Wallace	Tennessee
1885, Xenia, Ohio	Mrs. H. C. Campbell	Allegheny
1886, Allegheny, Pa.	Miss Jennie C. Logue	Monmouth
1887, Monmouth, Ill.	Mrs. Wm. H. McMillen	Allegheny
1888, Washington Pa.	Miss Mary J. Clokey	Xenia
1889, Argyle, N. Y.	Mrs. T. E. Carson	Philadelphia
1890, Washington, Iowa	Mrs. J. B. McMichael	Monmouth
1891, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mrs. J. P. Cowan	Indiana
1892, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. J. T. McCrory	Monongahela
1893, Omaha, Nebr.	Mrs. W. H. Vincent	Detroit
1894, Princeton, Ind.	Mrs. J. A. Henderson	Omaha
1895, Jersey City, N. J.	Mrs. W. W. Barr	Philadelphia
1896, Erie, Pa.	Mrs. Jean S. Sands	Monongahela
1897, Indianola, Iowa	Mrs. J. G. Kennedy	Colorado
1898, Cleveland, Ohio	Mrs. J. C. Meek	Indiana
1899, New Castle, Pa.	Mrs. Victor C. Kyle	Monmouth
1900, Pawnee City, Nebr.	Mrs. R. M. Russell (Mrs. J. T. McCrory presided)	Monongahela
1901, Monmouth, Ill.	Mrs. J. T. Logue	Cleveland
1902, Xenia, Ohio	Mrs. H. T. Jackson	Monmouth
1903, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. George M. Moore	Xenia
1904, Bloomington, Ind.	Mrs. Charles W. Crowe	Philadelphia
1905, Albany, Oregon	Mrs. A. N. Porter	Rock Island
1906, Des Moines, Iowa	Mrs. W. P. White	Oregon
1907, Topeka, Kansas	Mrs. W. R. Baldridge	Des Moines
1908, Pittsburgh, Pa. (25th Annual Con. of W. G. M. S.)	Mrs. J. P. White	Kansas City
1909, Buffalo, N. Y.	Mrs. J. L. Hervey	New York
1910, St. Louis, Mo.	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood	Muskingum
1911, Greeley, Colo.	Mrs. R. Rutledge	Illinois Southern
1912, Chicago, Ill.	Miss Anna A. Milligan	Monongahela
1913, Washington, Pa.	Mrs. R. W. McGranahan	Tennessee
1914, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. J. V. Clark	Chartiers
1915, Spokane, Wash.	Mrs. I. C. Rankin	Colorado
1916, Xenia, Ohio	Miss Lillian M. Robertson	Spokane
1917, Sterling, Kans.	Mrs. R. A. Elliott	Muskingum
1918, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. E. C. Wellman	Arkansas Valley

SECRETARIES.

1883, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Allegheny.
1884, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Colorado.
1885, Miss Mary J. Clokey, Xenia.
1886, Mrs. Jas. A. Watt, Westmoreland.
1887, Mrs. E. S. Gordon, Indiana.
1888, Miss Sallie McDowell, Xenia.
1889, Mrs. R. T. Elliott, Philadelphia.
1890-1906, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongahela.
1906-17, Mrs. J. T. Logue, Cleveland.
1918- Miss Lillian M. Robertson, Spokane.

TREASURERS.

1883, Mrs. M. Linn Pressly, Allegheny.
1884, Miss Maggie Wylie, Monmouth.
1885, Mrs. S. G. Crabbe, Xenia.
1887, Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan, Monongahela.
1905-18, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Monongahela.

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MEMBERS OF BOARD SINCE ORGANIZATION.

*1886-1897 Mrs. E. J. McPherson.
1886-1893 Miss M. M. Shaw (Mrs. J. C. Doty)
*1886-1901 Dr. C. Jane Vincent.
*1886-1904 Mrs. W. J. Reid.
1886-1905 Miss E. J. Sloan.
1886- Mrs. H. C. Campbell.
1886-1887 Mrs. Wm. Edie.
*1886-1909 Mrs. J. B. Herron.
*1886-1887 Mrs. E. W. Hill.
*1886-1889 Mrs. Joseph McCartney.
1886-1887 Mrs. J. D. Irons.
*1886-1913 Miss E. D. Brown.
*1886-1892 Mrs. Mary Samson.
*1886-1908 Mrs. Mary W. Porter.
*1886-1892 Mrs. Agnes K. Duff.
1888-1891 Mrs. J. R. Johnston.
*1887-1890 Mrs. A. P. Burchfield.
*1888-1890 Mrs. Thos. Stewart.
*1888-1892 Mrs. J. M. Wallace.
*1891-1897 Mrs. W. H. McMillan.
*1891-1894 Mrs. Thos. J. Gillespie.
1891- Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.
1892-1893 Mrs. John S. Hastings.
1892-1900 Mrs. A. J. Grier.
*1893-1912 Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson.
1893-1898 Mrs. M. M. Patterson.
1894-1895 Mrs. J. M. Stewart.
1893-1895 Mrs. N. H. I. Stewart.
1894-1900 Mrs. M. J. Stevenson.
1895-1911 Mrs. G. W. McDonald.
1898-1898 Miss Bessie Lambie.
*1897-1897 Mrs. Joseph Kyle.
1897-1900 Miss Emma Mabon.
1898-1908 Mrs. E. M. Hill.
1899-1901 Mrs. Jean Sands.
1900-1904 Mrs. R. S. Smith.
*1900-1906 Miss Elizabeth Caughey.
*1900-1917 Mrs. Samuel Yourd.
*1900-1900 Mrs. Mary Lowry Morton.
1901-1902 Mrs. W. R. Wilson.
1901- Mrs. J. B. Hill.
1902-1903 Mrs. T. D. Mellon.
1904-1907 Mrs. N. L. Wallace.
1905-1907 Mrs. R. A. Elliott.
1905-1906 Mrs. Wm. Nease.
1908-1909 Mrs. J. S. Hill.
1907-1911 Mrs. Jas. A. Alexander.
1907- Mrs. J. D. Sands.
1906-1911 Mrs. John A. Crawford.
*1905-1912 Mrs. John A. Wilson.
1909-1912 Miss Susan McNall.
1908- Mrs. R. C. Morton.
1909- Mrs. Wm. S. Cook.
1910 Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson.
1911-1915 Miss Jennie Clark.
1912- Mrs. John S. Crawford.
1912- Miss Ida B. Little.
1912- Mrs. I. H. Milliken.
1912-1913 Mrs. J. W. Harsha.
1913- Miss Carrie M. Reid.
1914- Miss Elizabeth Milligan.
1914-1917 Mrs. Maurice Trimble.
1916- Mrs. J. H. Maxwell.
1917- Mrs. D. J. Brown.
1918- Mrs. W. R. Wilson.

*Deceased.

OFFICERS OF BOARD SINCE ORGANIZATION.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

June 18, 1918.

Fourteen members of the Board met in regular session at the close of the prayer meeting. The President called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

Treasurer reported the receipt of two checks: One from the Pullman, Wash., congregation for $250; the other for $720.19 being the balance of the Mattie Smith bequest.

Y. W. Secretary reported one new society organized in the Mansfield Presbyterial to be known as the Mansfield Y. W. M. S. Miss Lucile Day, President.

Literature Secretary presented bills to the amount of $60.16, which were ordered paid.

On motion the Literature Secretary was authorized to secure a number of copies of "The Power House at Pathankot" for the office and the Chambersburg Conference.

The Thank-Offering Secretary reported the need of some supplies and on motion was authorized to secure all needed supplies.

Freedmen Secretary reported a letter from Rev. J. A. Cotton in which he expressed the sincere thanks of himself and workers for the repairs and improvements the Board had ordered for Henderson Hospital. A cyclone had struck the Hospital, damaging it to some extent; this damage was ordered repaired by the Board.

Indian Secretary reported letter from Rev. Matthews, of Simnasho, who says the attempt that was made to re-establish the old Indian religion not only failed but they had an attendance of 177 on the following Sabbath. We are glad to report the recovery of the Government Agent, Mr. Reynolds, who has been seriously sick. Word was also received from Warm Springs.

The Board was most sorry to learn through its Foreign Secretary that Miss Carrie Buchanan who so longed to return to Egypt this fall would be unable to do so on account of physical conditions.

Junior Secretary reported the organization of one new society in the Omaha Presbyterial: Central Church, Omaha, Superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Dodds; an enrollment of 18 members.

A bill of $23.45 for shipping packages from the Convention to the different home fields was presented and ordered paid.

Printing Committee presented bills to the amount of $16.00 which were ordered paid.

Miss Kate Hill was appointed to attend the Winona Conference and Mrs. Porter the Chambersburg Conference.

Home Secretary reports the resignations of Miss Pastoria, of our Pittsburgh Italian Missions, who expects to go into nurses training and Mrs. Reed, of Kenmore, Ohio, who has been called home by the illness of her mother.

Miss Annie Ballington who has been sending an annual scholarship of $50 for the Frenchburg School, writes she wishes to make this permanent and name it the Mary J. Ballington Scholarship in memory of her mother.

The Board adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Campbell on June 21st to hear the report of the committee to Frenchburg.

MRS. J. H. MAXWELL,
Recording Secretary.

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"WAR BONUS."

All missionary boards of which we have any knowledge are planning to give all their workers what is known as "war bonus," viz.: a certain sum of money each year to help meet the abnormal increases in the cost of the necessities of life until the war is ended.

Our General Assembly at its recent meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., appointed a War Emergency Committee with power to arrange for a "war bonus" for each individual worker under the control of the several Assembly Boards.

As the work of the Women's General Missionary Society receives no appropriation from the General Assembly the above named committee will be unable to provide any help for the workers who look to the women of the Church for their support.

If missionaries supported by the other Boards of the Church need "war bonus" our workers also need the same help and must get it. This letter appeals to every woman in the United Presbyterian Church to "do her bit."

You are responsible for the support of 6 institutions and 3 married missionaries in the North American Indian Department; 5 institutions and 27 missionaries in the Home Mission Department; 14 institutions, a farm and 45 missionaries in the Freedmen's Department; 16 institutions and 93 unmarried missionaries in the Foreign Department. By institutions we mean dormitories, churches, parsonages, hospitals, dispensaries, teachers' homes, etc., etc.

The grand total of the foregoing is the support of 168 missionaries and 41 institutions. The plan adopted by some other Boards is to give a war bonus of $100.00 annually to every married missionary and $50.00 to every unmarried missionary, either man or woman. With the above total of workers you can readily see how much money will be required to meet this schedule.

We have 168 workers with quite a number of married men amongst them which would make the total of money needed for this object $9,000.00. The additional funds needed for the support of institutions—cost of taxes, fuel, light, watchmen, and general upkeep of property—would cost at a very minimum estimate at least $7,000.00. We have urgent pleas for new buildings in the home and foreign lands, the increased cost of which would be $9,000.00, or a total of extra money needed to meet the emergency caused by the war of $9,000.00 for "war bonus" for salaries, $7,000.00 for increased expenses of property, and $9,000.00 for increased cost of building operations, making a grand total of $25,000.00. This seems a large sum in bulk but when divided up among the membership of our societies it would be about an average of 50c each.

Of course it is understood that this money is to be over and above all previous obligations and regular contributions. It ought to take precedence in the minds of all our women over any other special appeal that can be made to them. These faithful representatives of the Master depend upon our women alone for help in this crisis. If they do not respond the workers must suffer for no one else is responsible for their support. We know your kind hearts too well to imagine for one moment that you will turn a deaf ear to this appeal.

We suggest that a committee be appointed in every congregation to attract the attention of the women to the necessity for this "war bonus." It ought to be given the greatest publicity by having it read from pulpits and at society meetings, printed in congregational bulletins and every other possible way.

All contributions should be sent to general treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hill, and marked "war bonus fund."

We will endeavor to print, in the Magazine, the names of all contributors with the amounts given, from time to time. It can be paid any time before the treasurer's books close, April 15, 1919, but as the money is urgently needed NOW efforts should be made to send it in as early in 1918 as possible.

None of this money, we are thankful to say, will be used for the payment of debt as we have no outstanding obligations of any kind. It will all be used for present dire necessities caused by the terrible war that is now prevailing over the world.

We send this appeal in great faith and assurance that it will find a ready and generous response from all who read it.

COMMITTEE,
By order of Women's Board.

THE NEGRO NURSES IN THE GREAT RED CROSS PARADE.

The division of Negro women passing down Fifth Ave., New York, in the great parade that opened the drive for the Red Cross War Fund.

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